

R. E. Speer

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

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To the Members of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary

Since the Report of the Committee was mailed to members of the Board, Dr. Robert E. Speer, in letters to Dr. Mackay and to the Chairman of the Committee, and in an interview, has expressed his earnest desire to be relieved of the responsibility which his nomination as President of the Board might impose. The Committee was called to meet in Philadelphia on May 6th to consider the matter, and decided (Dr. Robinson not being present) -

1. That the request of Dr. Speer should be granted; and
2. That the Committee should modify its report by placing in nomination:

For President of the Board, Dr. Harold McAfee Robinson  
For Vice-President of the Board, Dr. Robert E. Speer

If these nominations should be approved, then Dr. Robinson would ex officio become Chairman of the Administrative Committee, and Dr. Speer would ex officio remain as a member of this Committee. Other nominations for Officers, Members, and Committees of the Board would remain as they were in the report sent to each member of the Board on April 21st.

For the information of the Board, the following is quoted from Dr. Speer's letter to the Chairman dated April 28th:

"The more I have thought over the matter of the organization of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary the more strongly do I feel that it would be wise to reverse the order of the proposed nominations for President and Vice-President, naming Dr. Robinson for the Presidency of the Board. He is near at hand; he can be in constant touch with Dr. Mackay and the Curriculum Committee; he can be present and preside at all meetings of the Administrative Committee. I shall be living at some distance from New York, and attendance at meetings in Princeton would practically mean two days for me each visit. I want to do all I can to be of service to Dr. Mackay and the Seminary, and I think I can render all the service that is possible for me in the position of Vice-President. Furthermore, Dr. Robinson would be an ideal man for the Presidency. He is in close contact with all the educational movements of the country; his intellectual and spiritual equipment is preeminent; he would have the wholehearted confidence and cooperation both of the Board of Trustees and of the Faculty and of the Alumni and of the Church. I do earnestly hope, accordingly, that your Committee will amend its report in the respect suggested."

Respectfully submitted,

William Hallock Johnson, Chairman

Princeton, N.J.  
May 7th, 1937

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Report of the Special Committee on Nominations

Board of Trustees, Princeton Theological Seminary

(In accordance with the By-Laws, Chapter VIII, A, 2, this Report should be in the hands of each member of the Board three weeks before the meeting in May.)

I. Officers of the Board

Robert E. Speer, D.D., LL.D., President  
Harold McAfee Robinson, D.D., Vice-President  
William B. Pugh, D.D., Secretary  
Central Hanover Bank and Truett Company, New York, N.Y., Treasurer

II. Members of the Board

There are at present no vacancies in the Board, and those whose terms expire in May, 1937, are renominated as follows:

John H. Grose, D.D.  
Rev. Frank Sergeant Nilee  
John McDowell, D.D.  
J. Harry Cotton, D.D.  
Harold McAfee Robineon, D.D.  
Albert J. McCartney, D.D.  
William Mather Lewis, LL.D.  
Paul C. Martin, Esq.  
James H. Post, Esq.  
John M. T. Finney, M.D.  
Thomas W. Synnott, LL.D.

III. Committees of the Board

Administrative Committee

Robert E. Speer, D.D., LL.D., Chairman; William B. Pugh, D.D., Secretary; Harold McA. Robinson, D.D., William L. McEwan, D.D., Benjamin F. Farber, D.D., Judge Adrian Lyon; Lewis S. Mudge, D.D., Paul C. Martin, Peter K. Emmons and Spencer S. Marsh.

Curriculum Committee

Lewis S. Mudge, D.D., Chairman; Harold McA. Robinson, D.D., Weir C. Ketler, LL.D., William Mather Lewis, LL.D., Stuart Nye Hutchison, D.D., John B. Laird, D.D., J. Harry Cotton, D.D., William Hallock Johnson, D.D., and Henry Seymour Brown, D.D.

Finance and Investment Committee

Spencer S. Marsh, Chairman; William P. Stevenson, LL.D., James H. Post, John T. Manson, J. Willison Smith, Minot C. Morgan, D.D., Ray Vance, John H. Grose, D.D., and Walter L. Whallon, D.D.

Grounds and Buildings Committee

Judge Adrian Lyon, Chairman; Kenneth H. Lanning, John M. T. Finney, Guilford C. Babcock, Albert J. McCartney, D.D., J. Ambrose Dunkel, D.D., Thomas W. Synnott, LL.D., John McDowell, D.D., and Frank S. Niles.

William Hallock Johnson, Chairman

Princeton, N.J.  
April 21, 1937

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June 25, 1937

2330 The Rev. Andrew R. Zenos, D. D.,  
834 Chalmers Place,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Zenos:

It was a great pleasure to get your note of June 22 with its encouraging word with regard to your view of the proposal which has been made to Henry Brown. I am passing your letter on to Dr. Mackey. There is to be a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Seminary next week at which we hope Dr. Brown will be present.

We are all hoping that Princeton Seminary is about to pass into a day more glorious even than the past, and we are praying that both the Administrative Committee and Dr. Brown may be divinely guided in what they do at this time.

With warm regard to Mrs. Zenos and yourself -

Ever affectionately yours,

RES:AMW

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence



R. E. Speer

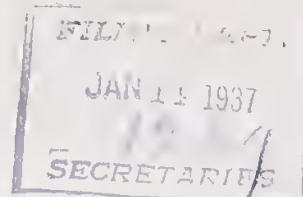
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PRESIDENT'S ROOM



January 13th, 1937.

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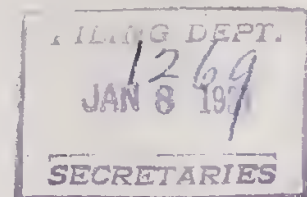
Dear Dr. Speer:

I doubt very much if I can find  
enough worth saying to occupy twelve minutes.  
Certainly I shall not extend this time at Dr.  
Mackay's inaugural on February 2nd.

Very sincerely yours,

*H. M. D.*

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
The Board of Foreign Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.



January 4, 1937.

President Harold W. Dodds,  
Princeton University,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

*Re Princeton Theological  
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My dear Dr. Dodds:-

All arrangements have now been completed for the inauguration of Dr. Mackay on February 2nd and we are very grateful indeed to you and Dean Wicks for permission to use the University Chapel for the inauguration service. The luncheon will immediately follow at the Westminster Choir School. Professor Doetscher of the Seminary will preside as toastmaster and we are very grateful to you for your consent to be one of the speakers. The other speakers will be President Kelso in behalf of our Presbyterian Seminaries, President Laoy of Richmond in behalf of the Southern Presbyterian Seminaries, and Dr. Weigle in behalf of the Theological Seminaries in the country generally. In view of the fact that there will be four speakers we are suggesting a time limit of from 12 to 15 minutes. I trust that this will be acceptable to you.

We have had word from Persia and Syria of LeRoy's visit. As you know, they were delayed through passport difficulties but I think we should hear soon of the boat on which Mrs. Dodds will be returning from Port Said.

Very cordially yours,

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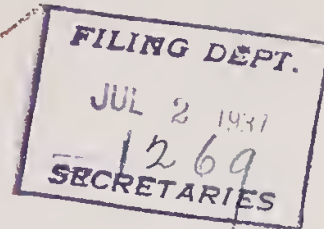
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Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Madison Avenue at Olive Street  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

Peter Kenneth Emmons, Minister



June 29th, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Board of Foreign Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Dr. Speer:

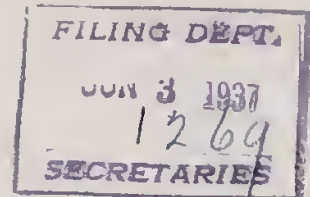
Unfortunately, I have another  
"abomination", this time on my upper lip, and  
therefore, I will not be able to be present at  
the meeting of the Administration Committee  
tomorrow morning. Please have me excused.

I hope you and all the rest may  
have a very enjoyable and helpful summer.

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. K. Emmons".

PKE:O



May 23, 1937  
(dict. May 24)

The Rev. William Hallock Johnson, Ph. D.,  
9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear William:

Your good letter of May 20 was received on Friday,  
and your enclosure was passed on at once to Mr. Moses. I  
trust that you heard promptly from him in reply.

If you want to go to the General Assembly you are  
welcome to my place.

Ever affectionately yours,

R.S:AMW

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence

WILLIAM HALLOCK JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS  
9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, N.J.

WALTER LIVINGSTON WRIGHT  
PRESIDENT

*Mr. Harold Robinson*

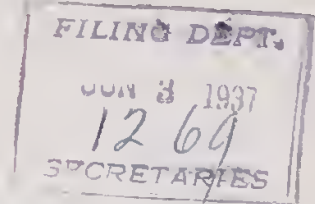
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May 20, 1937.



Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Board of Foreign Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

My dear Robert:

*Princeton Theological Seminary*

I want to thank you for your good letter just received. At the meeting I said that I thought it improbable that you would accept, but as things turned out you couldn't have done anything else and this was the only thing to do in the interests of the Seminary and of all concerned. I am sure that everybody will work very heartily and unitedly for the progress of the Seminary under your administration of the Board. I have written to Harold Robinson just telling him the facts of the substitution of the original report for the supplementary report in which the names were transposed. You know that he was in the hospital in Baltimore and I am sure that it is best for him not to assume additional responsibilities just now.

Will you please give the enclosed to your Secretary asking her to read it and to get it into the hands of Mr. Moses if he can be located. Anne Goheen suggested that we might entertain him over a night on his way to the General Assembly. Our telephone number is 751 J, Princeton.

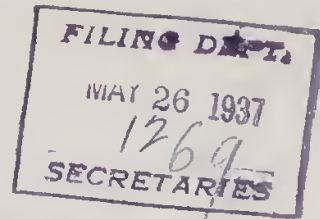
*Passed on to Mr. Moses May 21/37*

I know you have accepted this position at great sacrifice, but hope you will never be sorry. Everybody else is very happy over the way things have turned out.

Cordially and faithfully

*Wm. Hallock Johnson*





May 19, 1937

The Rev. William Hallock Johnson, D. D.,  
9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

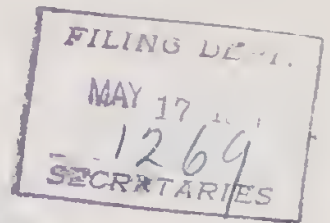
*Princeton University  
Seminary*

My dear William:

I am more grateful than I can say for your friendship and faithfulness in this whole matter of the Presidency of the Board of Trustees. I wish that things had turned out differently on Monday, and I would certainly have stood behind my purpose and refused to accept if it had not been evident that this would have produced a very unpleasant situation. I am writing to Harold Robinson and hope that some time in the future I may be let out from this responsibility and either you or Harold or Les Mudge appointed to it.

Ever affectionately yours,

hls:mdw



May 14, 1937

Dr. William Hallock Johnson,  
9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

*Princeton Biological  
Seminar*

My dear William:

There seems to be some doubt as to Mr. Moses' plans, but our understanding has been that he was coming with Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Wiley of Ratnagiri, and they are due on Monday, May 17, on the Transylvania. It may be that his plans have changed, but we have had no notification whatever from him and have had various reports from others regarding his plans.

Our Board meets on Monday afternoon, and it will be a most important meeting, dealing with our budget for the new year, and I cannot be at the meeting of the Trustees. I am delighted to know of the revised report of your Nominating Committee and trust that it may be unanimously approved by the Board. I shall try to get down Tuesday morning, but, as I have written to John Mackey, if Dr. Robinson is elected president and Dr. McEwan does not come on Tuesday, it would be Dr. Robinson's duty to preside at the Commencement.

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence

C. Speer

William Hallor Johnson

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9 HAMILTON AVENUE  
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Dear Robert:

Could you kindly have your secretary tell me the time of arrival of the steamer on which Mr. Moses is sailing? He is a friend, as you know, of our cousin Anne Goheen who wrote about him, and we would like to show him some attention and perhaps have him down here for a day or two and show him around Princeton. My impression is that his plan to arrive on May 17 has been changed, and I would like to have correct information.

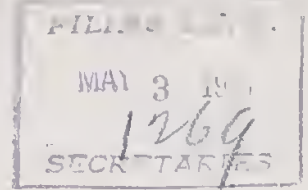
Hoping to see you here next week,

Very cordially,

Wm. H. Johnson

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

Extra



April 20, 1937

The Rev. William Hallock Johnson, D. D.,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear William:

The more I have thought over the matter of the organization of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary the more strongly do I feel that it would be wise to reverse the order of the proposed nominations for President and Vice-President, naming Dr. Robinson for the Presidency of the Board. He is near at hand; he can be in constant touch with Dr. Mackay and the Curriculum Committee; he can be present and preside at all meetings of the Administrative Committee. I shall be living at some distance from New York, and attendance at meetings in Princeton would practically mean two days for me for each visit. I want to do all that I can to be of service to Dr. Mackay and the Seminary, and I think I can render all the service that is possible for me in the position of Vice President. Furthermore, Dr. Robinson would be an ideal man for the Presidency. He is in close contact with all the educational movements of the country; his intellectual and spiritual equipment is preeminent; he would have the whole-hearted confidence and cooperation both of the Board of Trustees and of the Faculty and of the Alumni and of the Church. I do earnestly hope, accordingly, that your Committee will amend its report in the respect suggested.

With warm regard and deep appreciation of the correspondence and conferences with you, I am

Very cordially yours,

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April 28, 1937

The Rev. William Hallock Johnson, D. D.,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

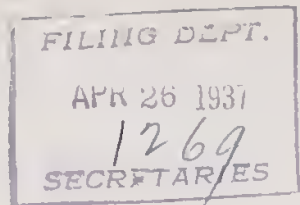
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With warm regard and deep appreciation of the correspondence and conferences with you, I am

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW



April 22, 1937  
(Dict. Apr. 21)

The Rev. William Hallock Johnson, D. D.,  
9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear William:

Your kind letter of April 10 was duly received, and I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have written this morning to Dr. Pugh. I am earnestly hoping that your Committee will be willing to drop your suggestion as to my name and to present instead the name of Lew Mudge.

I am sending herewith under separate cover reprints of two recent addresses which I hope may be of interest to you.

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW

WILLIAM HALLOCK JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS

9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, N.J.

R. E. Speer

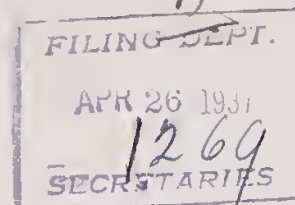
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April 10, 1937.

WALTER LIVINGSTON WRIGHT  
PRESIDENT



Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

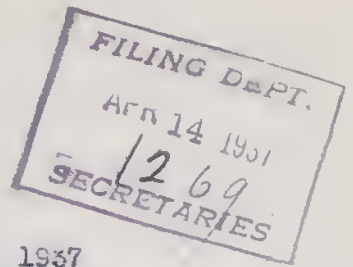
My dear Robert:

I cannot think philosophically of the possibility of your declining the nomination to the Presidency of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary. It is unfortunate that the meeting of the Foreign Board comes at the same time as that of the Board here, but as you may remember the report of the Nominating Committee comes at the very end of the meeting here so that you would not be called upon to act as President. Then I hope you can be here for the banquet Monday evening and the commencement on Tuesday. You remember that there are only two regular meetings of the Board, one in October and one in May, and when you are chairman of the Administrative Committee you can fix the time of meetings to suit your engagements. Dr. Meckay earnestly hopes as I do, sharing the views I am sure of the Committee and the Board, that you will allow the matter to proceed according to schedule. Suppose we leave it this way: if I hear nothing I shall send out our report as per By-Laws three weeks before the meeting, or about April 20 to 25. From my watch-tower I see a brilliant future for the Seminary, and I am sure that you will not be sorry if you stay with it. Conditions were never more favorable than they are now. Stay with us and we will do our best to help things along. Your worst rush will be over before many months.

Faithfully yours,

Wm Hallack Johnson

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April 9, 1937  
(dict. Apr. 8)

The Rev. William Harlock Johnson, D. D.,  
Princeton,  
New Jersey.

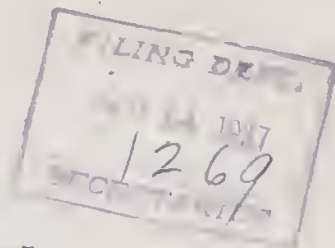
My dear William:

The nearer we come to the annual meeting of the Seminary Trustees the greater are my misgivings with regard to your generous proposal as to my nomination to succeed Dr. McEwan. I have not yet heard from Dr. Pugh as to the day of meeting of the Trustees, but if it is Monday, May 17, I shall not be able to attend as our Board will be meeting that day for the last time prior to the Assembly. I have found also that it is not practicable for me to get to the meetings of the Administrative Committee which, of course, the President of the Board ought to attend. I missed the last two because of other engagements. And I can foresee that I shall be a very undependable person for Board and Committee Meetings this coming fall and winter. The more I have thought of it the more convinced I have become that it would be wiser for you to drop your generous suggestion as to my name and to nominate Lew Mudge. Won't you please reflect on this suggestion philosophically, ethically and religiously?

Ever affectionately yours,

WEL:AMW





April 8, 1937  
(dict. Apr. 8)

The Rev. William Hallock Johnson, D. D.,  
Princeton,  
New Jersey.

*Princeton Theological Seminary*

My dear William:

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Ever affectionately yours,

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WILLIAM HALLOCK JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS  
9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, N.J.

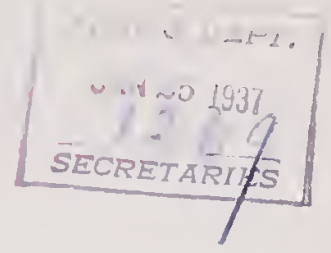
*Wm Hallock Johnson*

WALTER LIVINGSTON WRIGHT  
PRESIDENT

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*Ans. \_\_\_\_\_*

January 21, 1937.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Board of Foreign Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York.

My dear Robert:

I received two letters this morning. One is from Dr. J.M.T. Finney in which he says that he is delighted to know of your willingness to accept the nomination as president of the Board, and adds "I am sure it is the best possible solution."

The other letter is from Dr. Wm. L. McEwan in which he says: "Thank you for your letter telling me of the Nominating Committee's unanimous choice of Dr. Speer for the Presidency of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary. That is what I hoped you would do. If he can only serve for a few years, he will leave his impress upon the Seminary. He has my confidence and affection in a full measure."

I am sure these are samples of what everybody thinks. Don't trouble to answer this.

Cordially ,

*Wm Hallock Johnson*

WILLIAM HALLOCK JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS

9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, N.J.

WALTER LIVINGSTON WRIGHT  
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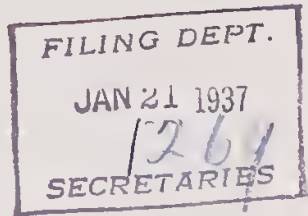
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R. E. Speer

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January 15, 1937,



Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Board of Foreign Missions,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Robert:

With the greatest pleasure I received this morning your letter dated January 14, and I am sure that all the members of the Board will share with Dr. Mackay and myself our satisfaction in your acceptance of the nomination for the Presidency of the Board of Trustees. You seem to have quite a program of activities ahead--enough for several hundred years-- but it is eminently proper and logical for the Board to put its best foot forward in this way and give the new administration a flying start. I hope the duties of the position will be in the line of what you want to do most, and that they will not prevent you from doing the one-hundred-and-one other worthwhile things that you have in mind. I share your expectation and hope that the Seminary will now go forward along historic lines to greater achievements and usefulness in the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God.

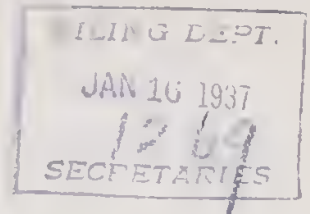
I note what you say about the "Review" and would like to do my part with my limited ability. But of course it couldn't be a one man proposition but must come as a matter of consultation and action by the Trustees and the Faculty. Perhaps we can talk it over some time when we have a chance.

Sincerely as always ,

Wm. Hallock Johnson



Extra



January 14, 1937  
(Dict. Jan. 12)

The Rev. William Hallock Johnson, D. D.,  
9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear William:

I have been greatly at a loss as to what to say in response to the generous proposal of your Nominating Committee with regard to the Presidency of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary. I have been doing my best, as I told you, to lay off old responsibilities instead of taking on new ones. And I have been the more constrained to do this because of uncertainty as to future plans. We have one daughter living in England and another in China, and Mrs. Speer would like to look forward to extended visits with each of them. In this country I have had urgent calls to interesting positions in the South and in the West, which would take me away from New York. If, on the other hand, we go neither East nor West nor South we shall be settling, and this I think is the most probable course, on our little 10-acre plot in Connecticut where I want: first, to work over a great mass of missionary papers; second, to write some more books; third, to read several thousand books; fourth, to do some carpentry and cabinet work; fifth, to learn the art of bookbinding; and sixth, to develop my flower gardens. These tasks with a few others ought to be enough to keep one busy. And how is one going to be able to do these things and at the same time honestly do his duty as President of a Board of Trustees of a Theological Seminary?

Nevertheless I believe in Princeton Seminary. I find that I have read more of its history than anybody else whom I meet. And I would love to see the great tradition of Alexander and Miller and Hooge perpetuated and the Seminary lifted to an even higher level of influence and power than by God's blessing it has occupied during this glorious past. And inasmuch as the election to this office is annual, and I could be dropped a year hence and some better person put in my stead, I am willing to help out, if this really meets with Dr. McEwan's approval, as I know from his warm-hearted letter it meets with Dr. Mackay's.

If, however, between now and February 2 you and your Committee can think of any other arrangement, I wish very much that you would go forward with it.

If I do undertake this responsibility, mind you, it must be with the understanding that you on your part are going to do your utmost to reestablish "The Princeton Review." With Dr. Mackay in the Presidency and with the "Review" reestablished and with the faculty reinforced, as it must be in view of approaching retirements, we must look forward to an influence and service going out from Princeton that will make glad the spirits of those just men now made perfect who made the name of Princeton so glorious throughout the Church of Christ in the past.

Very cordially yours,



5-11-37  
January 14, 1937  
(Dict. Jan. 12)

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The Rev. William Mallock Johnson, D. D.,  
9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear William:

I have been greatly at a loss as to what to say in response to the generous proposal of your Nominating Committee with regard to the Presidency of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary. I have been doing my best, as I told you, to lay off old responsibilities instead of taking on new ones. And I have been the more constrained to do this because of uncertainty as to future plans. We have one daughter living in England and another in China, and Mrs. Spear would like to look forward to extended visits with each of them. In this country I have had urgent calls to interesting positions in the South and in the West, which would take me away from New York. If, on the other hand, we go neither East nor West nor South we shall be settling, and this I think is the most probable course, on our little 10-acre plot in Connecticut where I want: first, to work over a great mass of missionary papers; second, to write some more books; third, to read several thousand books; fourth, to do some carpentry and cabinet work; fifth, to learn the art of bookbinding; and sixth, to develop my flower gardens. These tasks with a few others ought to be enough to keep one busy. And how is one going to be able to do these things and at the same time honestly do his duty as President of a Board of Trustees of a Theological Seminary?

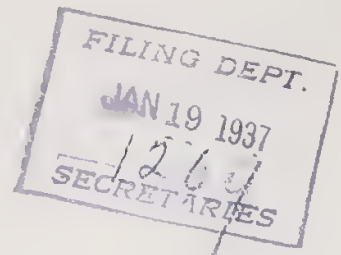
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If, however, between now and February 2 you and your Committee can think of any other arrangement, I wish very much that you would go forward with it.

If I do undertake this responsibility, mind you, it must be with the understanding that you on your part are going to do your utmost to reestablish "The Princeton Review." With Dr. Mackay in the Presidency and with the "Review" reestablished and with the faculty reenforced, as it must be in view of approaching retirements, we must look forward to an influence and service going out from Princeton that will make glad the spirits of those just men now made perfect who made the name of Princeton so glorious throughout the Church of Christ in the past.

Very cordially yours,

January 14, 1937  
(Dict. Jan. 12)



The Rev. William Hallock Johnson, D. D.,  
9 Hamilton Avenue,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

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Very cordially yours,



President, JAMES A. KELSO, Ph. D., D. D.  
Secretary, WILLIAM R. FARMER, D. D.  
Registrar, DAVID E. CULLEY, Ph. D., D. D.

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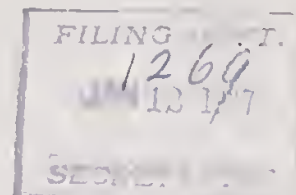


R. E. Speer

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Ans.

The Western Theological Seminary  
Pittsburgh, Pa.



Jan. 8, 1937.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

*Re Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Dr. Speer:

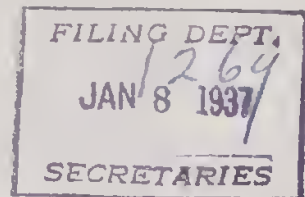
I have your letter of Jan. 4th.,  
giving me the details of the program at the Inaugu-  
ration of Dr. Mackay. I want to assure you that I  
shall keep myself within the time limit of 12 - 15  
minutes as you have suggested.

With cordial regards,

Very sincerely yours,

*James A. Kelso*

JAK/R



January 4, 1937.

President James A. Kelso, D.D.,  
Western Theological Seminary,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear President Kelso:-

All arrangements for the services in connection with Dr. Mackay's inauguration have now been made. The morning service will be in the University Chapel at 11 o'clock, when Dr. Mackay will deliver his inaugural address. The luncheon will immediately follow in the Westminster Choir School, where Professor Loetscher will preside, and the speakers will be in the following order: President Dodds, yourself, President Lacy and Dean Woigle. We are suggesting a time limit of from 12 to 15 minutes as suitable for each of the speakers. I trust that this will be acceptable to you.

With warm regard and best wishes for the New Year,

Very cordially yours,

RES/CAC



Dr. E. Speer

JAN 8-1937

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Jan. 6, 1937.

Ans. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. R. E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

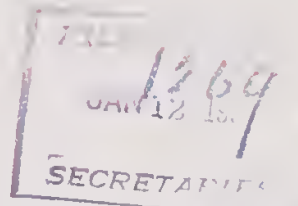
Your letter of Jan. 4th has just been received and I appreciate this definite information about the inauguration of Dr. Mackay on Feb. 2nd. I shall leave Richmond Monday night on the Philadelphia sleeper and change there, arriving at Princeton the morning of the 2nd.

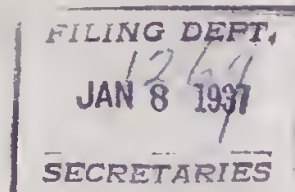
Very sincerely yours,

*Ben R. Lacy Jr.*

President

BRL/B





January 4, 1937.

*Re: Union Theological Seminary*

President Ben R. Lacy,  
Union Theological Seminary,  
Richmond, Virginia.

My dear President Lacy:-

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With warm regard and best wishes for the New Year,

Very cordially yours,

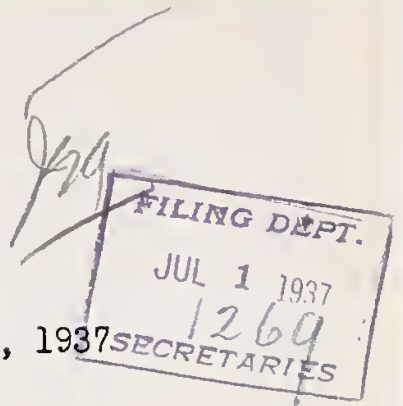
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*Kenneth H. Lanning*

R. E. Speer

JUN 29 1937

WICOFF & LANNING  
COUNSELLORS AT LAW  
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY  
BROAD STREET BANK BUILDING



Ans. KENNETH H. LANNING

JOHN V B WICOFF  
JOHN E. WICOFF  
DOUGLAS B. WICOFF

June 28, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Doctor Speer:

I have been advised by Mr. Marsh, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, that the Finance Committee has approved the sale of the property at 62 Battle Road, Princeton, to George Howard Forsyth, Jr. and Eleanor Marquand Forsyth, his wife, for a consideration of \$20,000. This, as you may know, is a property which the Seminary took over from Albert M. Wangler and Marguerite J. Wanger in November 1935 in satisfaction of mortgages aggregating \$15,000 held by the Seminary. Mr. Marsh, in his capacity as Chairman of the Finance Committee, signed a contract for the sale of the property and Mr. Loos advises me that he has received \$2,000 as the first payment.

The purchasers desire to pay the remaining \$18,000 and take their deed on July first. At the request of Mr. Marsh, who asked me to represent the Seminary in the matter, I have accordingly drawn the enclosed deed. It should be signed by you on the line where I have placed your initials. If you will so sign it and return it to me, I will have it completed by Mr. Loos, who will add the corporate seal and attest it as Assistant Treasurer at the time of closing.

The two mortgages which the Seminary holds are still open of record and should be surrendered for cancellation at the time of settlement. I understand from Mr. Loos that he is sending them to you for that purpose.

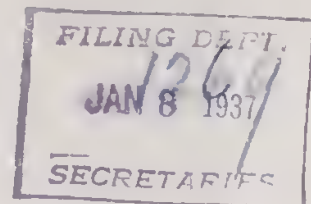
I did not know until receiving a telephone message from Mr. Loos this morning that the purchasers desired to settle on July first. The contract calls for settlement July fifteenth. I hope that you will be in your New York Office to-morrow and will receive this so that it can be signed and returned at once.

I am asking Mr. Marsh to write you confirming the above statements as to the action of the Finance Committee in the matter as I think you should have some statement from the Committee as your authority for signing the deed.

Very sincerely yours,

*Kenneth H. Lanning*

KHL-M



January 4, 1937.

Professor Froderick W. Loetscher,  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Professor Loetscher:-

Your note of January 1st is just received and I have also heard from Dr. Master, who writes that he expects to be on the Pacific coast in February and will not be able to be present at Dr. Mackay's inauguration so that we shall have just the four speakers at the luncheon with whatever you will say as toastmaster. I am writing to the four speakers suggesting a time limit of from 12 to 15 minutes.

Very cordially yours,

RES/GAC



*George W. Loos, Jr.*  
PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

*4116.* GEORGE W. LOOS, JR.  
ASSISTANT TREASURER

*Joe*  
June 28, 1937.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

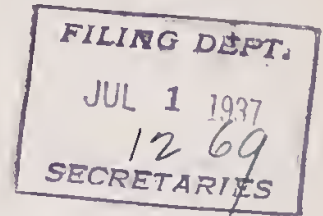
I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Marsh in case he should not be in his office tomorrow.

The property in question is one which the Seminary took over on a Mortgage in 1935 at a total cost of \$16,257.34 not including interest in arrears. By direction of the Finance Committee I sold the property for \$20,000.00 cash, and the purchaser wishes to close the matter on Thursday of this week. Accordingly Mr. Lanning who is handling the legal end for the Seminary says that the deed must be signed by you and that in view of the need for haste I may attest your signature instead of waiting to have Mr. Pugh attest it.

Therefore if you will sign the deed when you receive it from Mr. Lanning, and sign the authorizations to cancel the enclosed paid mortgages; sending all to me, I shall be most grateful.

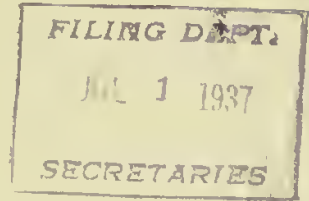
Very sincerely yours,

*George W. Loos Jr.*



June 28, 1937

Mr. Spencer S. Marsh,  
744 Broad Street,  
Newark, New Jersey.



Dear Mr. Marsh:-

As you may recall, the purchaser of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battle Road property wishes to settle on Thursday, July 1st, so I am asking Mr. Lanning to expedite matters as much as possible. Accordingly he is forwarding the deed to Dr. Speer with the request that he sign it and send it to me immediately, so that I will have it by Thursday. He also suggested that I write you asking you to explain either by letter or by telephone to Dr. Speer that the sale of the property has been duly approved by the Finance Committee. If you will take care of this I shall be very grateful and will hope to have a check for the remaining eighteen thousand dollars on Thursday. The first two thousand dollars were paid over this morning.

I am sending directly to Dr. Speer the two old mortgages which Mr. Lanning says will have to be cancelled by direction of the President of the Board. You might also mention this fact to Dr. Speer when you communicate with him.

Very sincerely yours,

*George W. Loos, Jr.*

R. E. Speer

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Dear Dr. Speer:

Thanks for your letter of the 28th. I have conferred with Dr. Mackay, and we both feel that the four speakers at the luncheon ought to be given 12 to 15 minutes each, and that the order you have suggested is the best - Dodds, Kelso, Leay, Weigle.

We note what you say about the possibility that Dr. Master may not be able to attend. We shall expect to hear further from you about this matter. We shall understand that if he can be present, he will close the exercises at the luncheon with a brief word of greeting as Moderator.

Dr. Mackay will select the hymns. Mr. Niles will pronounce the benediction at the inaugural service in the morning.

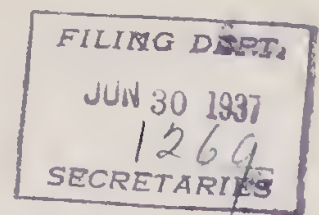
I wish especially to thank you for your reassuring word in regard to my acting as toastmaster at the luncheon.

So far as I know, then, the only item for both programs that remains uncertain is the word of greeting from Dr. Master. As soon as we hear from you about this matter, we shall proceed with the printing of the programs. I understand that you will suggest to the four luncheon speakers the desirability of limiting themselves to 12 or 15 minutes.

Dr. Robert F. Speer,  
156 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.

Cordially yours,

*Frederick W. Loetscher*



June 26, 1937  
(dict. June 25)

The Rev. John A. Mackay, D. D.,  
The Theological Seminary, \_\_\_\_\_  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear John:

I am very much obliged for the copy of the letter to Henry Brown. I am sending you herewith in exchange a letter just received from Dr. Zenos, which is very encouraging. I had a good talk with Henry at the Synod of Indiana, and it is evident both from that conversation and from this letter of Dr. Zenos that he is considering the matter and that there is a good possibility of a favorable issue.

Ever affectionately yours,

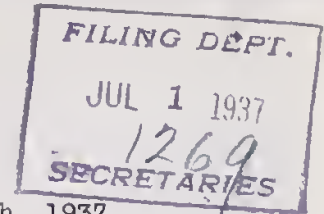
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Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence



*John A. Mackay*

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY



June 24th, 1937

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

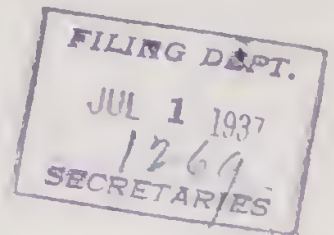
Dr. Mackay has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of a letter he wrote recently to Dr. Henry S. Brown.

Sincerely yours,

*Virginia K. Todd*  
Secretary to Dr. Mackay

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June 22nd, 1937



The Rev. Henry Seymour Brown, D.D.  
c/o Conference of the Alliance of Reformed Churches  
Montreal, Canada

My dear Dr. Brown:

How high my hopes are beating since our interview on Sunday that you may be led to accept the invitation of the Administrative Committee of the Board! You little know what it would mean to me to have your comradeship in what we are looking forward to in the development of the Seminary. Your experience and your sanity, together with your knowledge of the church and gift of dealing with people, not to speak of the vision which you have of our future, would be an inestimable boom at the present time. And I do believe in all seriousness that the work of the next decade, in helping in a major way to lead our Seminary into the place which God in His providence is making it possible for us to occupy, would form a glorious crown to your years of service and constitute the greatest possible contribution which you could make to Christianity, nationally and internationally.

How earnestly I shall be remembering you in prayer, and with what eagerness I shall look forward to seeing you at the meeting of the Administrative Committee in New York! I have been informed by Dr. Pugh that the meeting has been postponed a day, so that it will now take place on Thursday, July 1st, instead of Wednesday, June 30th. Kindly send me a postcard to let me know whether this letter reaches you alright and whether it is certain that you will be able to be present at the meeting.

With warmest regards,

Yours cordially,

JAM:VKT

John A. Mackay

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John A. Mackay

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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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Ans. \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

June 22nd, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Dr. William B. Pugh

Dear Friends:

I have duly taken note of the change of date of the forthcoming meeting of the Administrative Committee, and expect to be present on July 1st at ten o'clock in Dr. Speer's office.

You will be interested to know that on my way back from a pastors' conference in Texas I spent several hours with Dr. Henry Seymour Brown in Chicago and had a most satisfactory conversation with him. My hopes are high that he will see his way clear to accept the invitation of the Committee. He told me also that he expects to be present at the meeting of the Administrative Committee. I am now advising him of the change of date of the Committee's meeting.

With warm personal regards,

Yours very cordially,

*J. A. Mackay*

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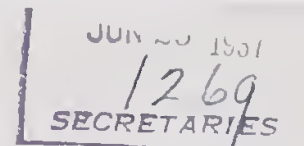
*Dr. Brown letter of his conference  
with you. Love, J. A. Mackay*

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

June 14th, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

In Dr. Mackay's absence let me acknowledge your letter of June 9th regarding Mr. Henry W. Rankin. This will be brought to his attention upon his return to Princeton just prior to the Northfield Conference.

Sincerely yours,

*Virginia H. Todd*  
Secretary to Dr. Mackay



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June 9, 1937  
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President John A. McKay,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear John:

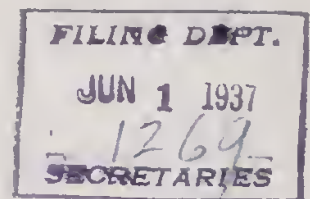
I enclose herewith a letter from an old and dear friend who is one of the most interesting personalities I have ever known, Mr. Henry W. Rankin. His father was one of our early missionaries in China, and his step-father was Dr. William Aikman, one of our best ministers in New Jersey 50 years ago. Mr. Rankin is a graduate of Princeton who was for many years associated with Mr. D. L. Moody at Northfield and who is now an old man over 80 years of age living in retirement at Northfield. He was a friend of William James and contributed much material for James' "Varieties of Religious Experience." He is a philosopher and metaphysician and one of the best read men I think I know in these fields. We have corresponded for 40 years, and I could easily make full use of his letters. I have urged him again and again to use the material and the energy which he has put into these letters into producing a book on Christian philosophy. He is very much of an invalid, however, and has felt able to write letters to a friend when he did not feel able to produce manuscript for a book.

He is an unlimited admirer of Charles W. Shields who was a professor in Princeton when I was an undergraduate and who was not taken very seriously by irreverent undergraduates. Mr. Rankin ranks him, however, as the most constructive philosopher that America has produced. And he would like you to make Shields' acquaintance in his "Philosophia Ultima." You can find the books in the Seminary Library.

If you are at Northfield at any time this summer at the evangelistic conference or later I think that it would be a good thing if you could make an appointment with Mr. Rankin. He has treasures which ought not to be lost with his death.

Ever affectionately yours,

HES:AMW  
Enc.



May 26th, 1937.

Dr. John A. Mackay,  
The Theological Seminary, \_\_\_\_\_  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Mackay:

I am glad to have a note from your secretary, in your absence, stating that it would be possible for you to forward further copies of your inaugural address. I can use fifty more, I think, and would be very glad to have them if you could spare me that number.

Very cordially,

Webster E. Browning

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MAY 26 1937

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

W. E. BROWNING

Answered

5/26/37  
Dr. Webster E. Browning  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Browning:

In Dr. Mackay's absence I am writing to inquire whether you need or can use any further copies of his inaugural address. We should be very happy to forward to you as many copies as you desire.

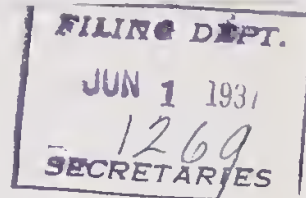
Very sincerely yours,

Virginia K. Todd

Secretary to Dr. Mackay

*J. A. Mackay*  
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

May 25th, 1937



R. E. Speer

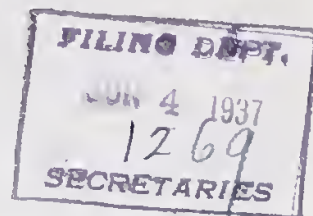
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*John D. Mearns*  
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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May 21st, 1937

~~Aug.~~ PRESIDENT'S OFFICE



Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Speer:

How complete is my joy that you have seen your way clear to undertake the responsibility of President of our Board of Trustees! I am glad, whether you think this is a free country or not!

I want you to be assured that I am prepared so to work that your burden will be as light as possible. As a matter of fact, we can easily hold Administrative Committee meetings in New York, just as well as in Princeton, so that you would not have to come all the way out here from Lakeville. But what we do want, and what I in particular want, is a sense of your presence, and the strength of your name, and the clarity of your insight as I look forward to carrying into the future the experiences and commitments of the past.

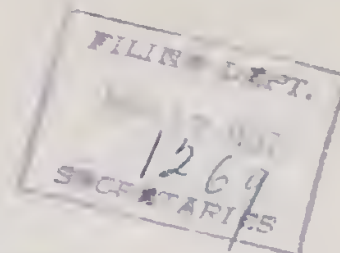
With loving regards,

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John D. Mearns", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JAM:VKT





May 14, 1937

President John A. Mackay, D. D.,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear John:

I have a letter from Dr. Pugh stating that the Administrative Committee had appointed me to formulate resolutions commemorative of the services rendered to the Seminary by Dr. Zwemer for presentation to the meeting of the Trustees on Monday. I am appending the suggested resolutions herewith as a postscript. Will you please make any changes in these that you think best and fill up the blanks and then pass on to Dr. Pugh for presentation at the Trustees Meeting on Monday?

I have your note with regard to the Commencement exercises on Tuesday. I will be down either Monday evening or early Tuesday morning. I presume that the exercises are, as usual, in the First Church. I shall be glad to take any necessary part, but if the Trustees elect Dr. Robinson as President of the Board on Monday, would he not be the proper person to take Dr. McEwen's place on Tuesday morning?

Ever affectionately yours,

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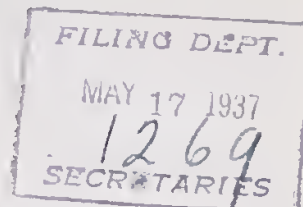
P. S. The Board contemplates with deep regret the loss which the Seminary sustains by the retirement under the age regulations of Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer who for ~~seven~~ years has filled the Chair of Missions in the Seminary. Dr. Zwemer has been one of the great missionary apostles of the past generation. On his graduation from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary he and the Rev. James Cantine founded the Arabian Mission which was subsequently adopted by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America. For many years Dr. Zwemer with glowing faith and indomitable courage preached the Gospel in Arabia. He acquired a remarkable mastery of Arabic and a knowledge of Mohammedanism which made him one of the foremost world authorities on Islam. With tireless and apostolic love Dr. Zwemer moved to and fro in the Mohammedan world in the Near East and India and the East Indies and wherever in the world Moslems were found. His last service in the mission field was in Egypt in the field of literature and direct evangelism. At missionary conferences in Asia, Africa, Europe and America <sup>Dr. Zwemer</sup> was the foremost advocate of Missions to Islam. For ~~in the last~~ <sup>many</sup> years he has edited the Moslem world, the leading review in English of all phases of the Mohammedan problem. Since coming to Princeton in 1930 he has been a force for good in all the life of the Seminary and throughout the Christian Church. His devotion, ability, evangelical fidelity and warm-hearted friendliness have made him a blessing at Princeton and far and wide across the world. The Board thanks God for what His servant has been and done and extends to Dr. Zwemer its deep sympathy in his recent bereavement and affectionate hope for his health and happiness and continued usefulness in the years to come.

*John A. Muehlen*  
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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May 11th, 1937



Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Speer:

After you left we discussed the question of Dr. McEwan. It was not clear from the letter which he wrote whether or not he would be coming for Commencement. In order, however, to play safe, we put him down on the program for the opening prayer, on the understanding that if he did not come you would preside and take that prayer. We all knew that you would understand the situation, but we did want to be on the safe side with Dr. McEwan. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to him.

I greatly appreciated your taking the time to be with us this afternoon.

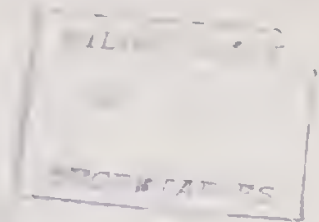
With most affectionate regards,

Yours ever,

*John*

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May 11th, 1937

My dear Dr. McEwan:

Our Administrative Committee meeting has just come to a close. We greatly missed you, but quite understood from your letter to Miss Hatfield the reasons for your absence. We do hope, however, that it will be possible for you to come for Commencement. Your presence always brings such a benediction to us, and we should dearly love to have you on this last occasion of your official relationship to the Board as President.

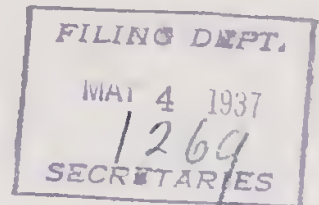
The more I go on in my present position, the more I come to realize all that your name and loyalty have meant to Princeton Seminary across some very difficult years.

I trust that this may find you much stronger in health. Kindly let me know if we can expect you. In the meantime, we are putting down your name for the opening prayer on Commencement Day, the 18th.

With warm personal regards,

Yours very cordially,

The Rev. William L. McEwan, D.D.  
906 South Negley Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



May 3, 1937

President John A. Mackay,  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear John:

I was glad to get your letter of April 30th with its acquiescence  
with my suggestion as to Dr. Johnson.

I have down in my notebook a meeting of the Seminary Administrative  
Committee for 2:15, Tuesday, May 11th. Does this arrangement still stand?

Ever affectionately,

RES:B



Dr. E. Speer

April 4, 1937

*John A. Mackay*  
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
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April 30th, 1937

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. Johnson has spoken to me about his long conversation with you. I perfectly understand your viewpoint, and although you know my eager desire that you should be President of the Board, I would not for a moment be guilty of invading the sanctity of your well-earned retirement. The position, of course, would involve attendance at a good many committee meetings, especially in these years ahead when there will be so much to be done. For that reason, having made clear how very sincerely I desire you to be President of the Board, I deeply sympathize with your viewpoint and shall reconcile myself to the joy of having you at least as a member and Vice-President of the Board, and one to whom, above all others, I can have recourse for advice in certain situations.

How deeply I regret that it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting of the Board on the 17th! What is worse, more than six months ago I accepted an invitation for the early part of June to give a series of lectures in Texas. That, unfortunately, will put me out of the June meeting also.

We must see what can be done to avoid a clash between the Princeton Seminary Commencement and the Board meeting in May, and I must see to it that Board meeting days are kept sacred. It would involve, however, that in September of each year a decision be come to regarding the date of the June meeting.

With most affectionate regards,

Yours ever,

*John*

JAM:VKT

April 23, 1937

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President John A. Mackay,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear John:

It was a pleasure to get your letter of April 23. I am sorry that I can't be at the Student Volunteer meeting tomorrow. I have to speak in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have just written to Dr. William Hallock Johnson with whom I had a long talk day before yesterday.

We are delighted to have the copies of your address both in the Seminary Bulletin and in the reprint and are sending a great many of them out to the Missions.

I don't know whether I shall be able to get down to the Alumni banquet on the evening of the 17th. We are likely to have a pretty long Board Meeting that afternoon, debating again the question that was debated at the last meeting and over which we had such a discussion last year, namely, as to whether we should cut in on capital funds in order to take care of current defecits.

Ever affectionately yours,

RLS:AMW

Enc.

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April 28, 1937

The Rev. William Hallock Johnson, D. D.,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear William:

The more I have thought over the matter of the organization of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary, the more strongly do I feel that it would be wise to reverse the order of the proposed nominations for President and Vice-President, naming Dr. Robinson for the Presidency of the Board. He is near at hand; he can be in constant touch with Dr. Mackay and the Curriculum Committee; he can be present and preside at all meetings of the Administrative Committee. I shall be living at some distance from New York, and attendance at meetings in Princeton would practically mean two days for me for each visit. I want to do all that I can to be of service to Dr. Mackay and the Seminary, and I think I can render all the service that is possible for me in the position of Vice President. Furthermore, Dr. Robinson would be an ideal man for the Presidency. He is in close contact with all the educational movements of the country; his intellectual and spiritual equipment is preeminent; he would have the whole-hearted confidence and cooperation both of the Board of Trustees and of the Faculty and of the Alumni and of the Church. I do earnestly hope, accordingly, that your Committee will amend its report in the respect suggested.

With warm regard and deep appreciation of the correspondence and conference with you, I am

Very cordially yours,

RMH:AMW

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April 26, 1937

Dr. John A. Mackay,  
Princeton Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, N.J.

My dear Don Juan:

Thank you for your note which came to hand Saturday. The 100 copies of the address will no doubt be along one of these days, and I shall be glad to send them out to our ordained men in Latin America and Africa, with a statement that they go with your compliments. I shall also be glad to distribute them around the offices to any one who might be interested.

I wrote you a day or so ago in regard to a special meeting with Dr. Herrick on Friday. I now find, however, that Dr. Speer cannot be here on that day, and we might as well call the meeting off. You might set a date for some time when you will be in town, and we will try to arrange a meeting. But as I wrote you, since Dr. Herrick does not wish further illumination on the background of the Cincinnati Plan, but limits his inquiry as to what ought to be done about it, I do not see that there is any special gain from such a meeting. Perhaps it would be well to let the matter rest until you come in and we can talk it over.

I look forward to seeing you one of these days, when we can have a little time together and set right the matters of the universe that seem to be very much awry.

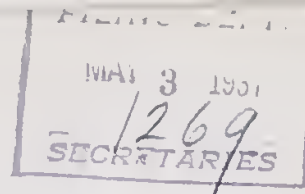
Yours aye,

Webster E. Browning

WEB:BFC



*J. R. Mackay*  
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY



PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

April 23rd, 1937

APR 26 1937

Ans. Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

7. I greatly regret that you cannot be present at the meeting on April 29th, and still more that the first day of our Commencement celebration coincides with the date of the Board meeting in May. I have the additional regret that I cannot go to 156 on May 17th because I shall be in the same situation here that you will be there.

Dr. Hallock Johnson showed me a letter which you had written him in much the same tenor as the one you have written to Dr. Pugh. I find myself quite unable to concur with your viewpoint that the fact that in recent months you have been unable to attend with regularity meetings of Trustee committees of the Seminary, and may be unable to attend certain meetings in the immediate future, is a ground for your feeling that you ought not to accept the Presidency of the Board in accordance with what will be the unanimous desire of the Trustees and myself. Everybody wants you, and we shall all cooperate to make your duties as light as possible. But your spirit and judgment and name and presence are all necessary for Princeton's progress in these years.

You will be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter.

I shall look forward with interest to receiving your statements on the subject of the Mexican situation and the Cincinnati Plan.

RELIGION IN LIFE has published my inaugural address and I have had a thousand reprints made. I am forwarding some 100 copies to Dr. Browning, who can supply you with the number that you desire. Should more be wanted I shall be pleased to send them.

I hope that you will be able to come out to the Alumni Banquet on the evening of the 17th. It will take place at 6:30 in the gymnasium of the University. I suppose we shall sit down round about 6:45. Should you be late it will be no matter.

With warm regards,

Yours affectionately,

*J. R. Mackay*

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Princeton, N.J.

April 23rd, 1937

To the members of the Administrative Committee of  
the Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological  
Seminary

Dr. McEwan  
Dr. Speer  
Dr. Pugh  
Dr. Mudgo  
Mr. Mareh  
Judge Lyon  
Dr. Farber  
Mr. Emmons  
Mr. Martin

It gives me great pleasure to enclose a copy of a letter  
which I have received from the law office of Mr. J. Claude Bed-  
ford. I trust that the news therein contained may be a prelude  
of good things to come.

The Financial Campaign Committee met last Thursday in Phila-  
delphia with Mr. Marte. Another meeting has been scheduled for  
next Tuesday, when I trust definite plans will mature.

With warm regards,

Yours very cordially,

JAM:VKT  
Enc.

John A. Mackay  
President

Law Office  
J. CLAUDE BEDFORD  
2610 Girard Trust Company Building  
Philadelphia

April  
Twenty-second  
Nineteen thirty-seven

Re: Estate of George A. Walker, Dec'd.  
Trustees of General Assembly

Reverend John A. Mackay  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Princeton, N.J.

My dear Mr. Mackay:

It is with much pleasure that I inform you of the receipt by the Trustees of the General Assembly of \$20,000.00 from the Executors of the above Estate.

By the terms of the Will - Item Sixth Paragraph (i), there is given:

"To THE TRUSTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (incorporated under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania), or any other corporation with which it may be merged or consolidated, the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.), in trust to invest the same, the income only therefrom to be used for the education at Princeton Theological Seminary of students for the gospel ministry."

There is a Codicil to the Will which reads as follows:

"FIFTH: I direct that the bequest of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars in Item Sixth, Paragraph (i) of my said will in Trust for the education of students in Princeton Theological Seminary, shall be held by the Trustees in said paragraph named, in Trust, to invest the same and keep it securely invested, the income alone therefrom to be used for the education in Princeton Theological Seminary of students, for the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, who are members of said church."

This fund will be held by the Trustees of the General Assembly and the income sent to the Seminary.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. Claude Bedford

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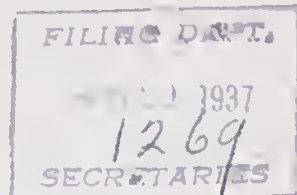
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*John A. Mackay*  
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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

W. E. BROWNING PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

April 22nd, 1937

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My dear Doctor:

I am asking that 100 copies of my address be sent to you for Latin American and African missionaries, and any others to whom you may think of sending them. You might, for example, distribute them around the office to any who may be particularly interested.

I was very sorry that I had to slip away on Monday evening because of an important engagement that I had here. I shall look forward, however, to being with you again in the not distant future.

With most affectionate regards,

Yours ever,

*J. A. Mackay*

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Dr. Webster E. Browning  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City



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April 5, 1937  
(Dict. Apr. 4.)

President John A. Mackay, Ph. D.,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear John:

It is a pleasure to introduce herewith Professor  
S. L. Joshi who has been for some years on the faculty of Dartmouth  
and who since then has been lecturing in various colleges and  
universities both here and abroad. I have known Professor Joshi  
for many, many years. His family was one of the best known  
Christian families in Bombay, and I was greatly devoted to a younger  
brother of his who died some years ago and whom I knew well while he  
was taking his graduate work here in New York City. Professor Joshi  
has been a friend for many years and has visited us in our home, and  
I have been glad to have some contact with his work as he has sought,  
in these disturbed times, to steady the Christian faith of American  
students.

Ever affectionately,

REC:AMM

R. E. Speer

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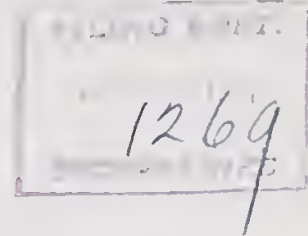
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Ans. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

April 1st, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City



My dear Dr. Speer:

We shall miss you at the meeting of the Administrative Committee on the 6th, but I appreciate the situation and so will the others.

At the last meeting of the Administrative Committee it was felt that a more suitable man for the address, and one who would make a greater appeal to the alumni, would be Lynn Harold Hough rather than Dr. Harris Kirk. Because I had already detected in the minds of some members of the Committee a question about Dr. Kirk, I had not written him, but waited until the Committee convened. They were all enthusiastic about Dr. Hough. I accordingly wrote him, and he has accepted, to give the address to the alumni on Monday afternoon. He has been developing marvelously in recent years, and I think he will bring the kind of message that the alumni will need.

274 Although I had another engagement on Thursday, October 28th, I think I shall be able to adjust it in such a way as to spend the day in New York in connection with the Centennial Celebration and to speak in the evening.

You will be interested to know that Paul Braisted has accepted the secretaryship of the Student Volunteer Movement. We are having an all day meeting in New York tomorrow.

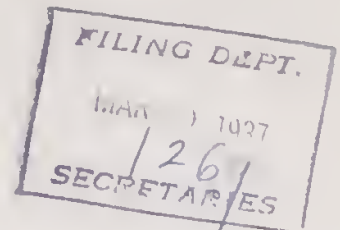
With most affectionate regards,

Yours ever,

J. A. Mackay

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(Dict. by Dr. Mackay  
Signed in his absence)

March 24, 1937



President John A. Mackay, D.D.  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear John:

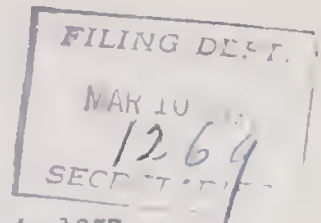
I am very sorry that a long standing engagement to deliver the annual address before the Bible Society at Toronto, Canada, on April 6th will make it impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Administrative Committee that day. I have sent my excuse to Dr. Pugh.

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As you know, the centennial celebration of the Board is to come to its consummation in meetings here and in Baltimore at the end of October. We are planning an all day meeting in the Fifth Avenue Church on Thursday, October 28th. The thought is to devote the morning to a family gathering of the Board and its staff and missionaries at home on furlough and as many missionary leaders of our own Church as can be brought in. The afternoon will be given to addresses by representatives of other Boards and the evening to a popular meeting when we would like to have you and Dr. Mott and Dr. Keller as the speakers.

Will you try to hold that evening for the purpose?

Ever affectionately,

RLS:B



March 4, 1937

President John A. Mackay,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear John:

It was good to see you on Monday, although I was sorry for the occasion that brought together so many friends of the Seminary. On the other hand it is a happy thing that Dr. Hodge has been spared any suffering or any period of disability.

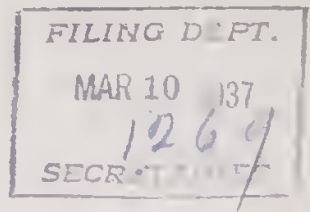
I had to go on from Princeton to Philadelphia to a meeting of the General Council which lasted three days, so that I only got back to New York last evening. I have to speak in NYC tomorrow evening, and I am doubtful as to whether I can get down to Princeton for the meeting of the Administrative Committee. If I am not there will you be good enough to present my excuse?

My attention was called in Philadelphia to the kindly editorial of Dr. Craig regarding the inauguration. He holds in reserve a review of your orthodoxy, although he is favorably disposed. I am glad he finds no fault with what I said, even though he is dissatisfied with what I didn't say. I suppose that is better than to be dissatisfied with what is said and satisfied with what isn't.

Ever affectionately yours,

RLS:AMW





March 1, 1937

Dr. John A. Mackay,  
Princeton Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, N.J.

My dear John:

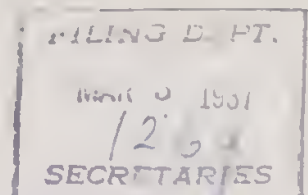
Thank you for your note which has just come to hand. I hope that you may get some extra copies of the photographs and thus allow us to adorn our office with one of them. Thank you in advance!

Mrs. Browning and I were noting yesterday that you are to speak in the Brick Church on Friday, the 15th, in the evening, after you will have been at the meeting of the Board. We were wondering if you would not like to come home with me from the Board meeting, and have a bite of supper with us in our apartment, and then we would all go on together to the Brick Church.

Yours aye,

Webster L. Browning

WEB:BFC



February 27, 1937

The Rev. John A. Mackay, D. D.,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear John:

I have just got back this morning from a week of meetings in Richmond and find your note of yesterday and also see in the paper the report of Dr. Hodge's death. I will try to come to the funeral on Monday morning, although I ought really to be in Philadelphia that morning in connection with a 3-day session of the Federal Council and its Committees.

I think that your suggestion of Harris Kirk as the pastor's speaker at the 150th anniversary is altogether satisfactory. I think that with him and Dr. Bonnell we would have very good provision.

Having been away all of this last week and having to be away next week until Wednesday it is going to be pretty difficult for me to come down for an Administrative Committee meeting Friday afternoon as I have to speak in Rye, New York, that evening. Will there be much important business that must be attended to?

Ever affectionately yours,

REC:MMW

*John A. Mackay*

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

February 26th, 1937

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Dr. Webster E. Browning  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Browning:

Thanks ever so much for your letter. I shall look forward eagerly to reading "La Nacion" when it comes. Second class mail usually comes a day after first class.

I am glad you liked the photograph in the Times. I have no copies whatever, but propose asking if I could make an arrangement to have some. Then you will most certainly get one for your office. It may be necessary, however, to remind me about the matter.

With affectionate regards to you and my old faithful helpers,  
Miss Schafer and Mrs. Clissold,

Yours ever,

*John A. Mackay*

JAM:VKT

*John Murray*  
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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

February 26th, 1937.

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Dr. Speer:

It is with deep sorrow that I inform you that Dr. Caspar Wistar Hodge passed away suddenly last night in the Princeton Hospital. He had been confined to the hospital for several days with an attack of pneumonia, but was making good progress, so much so that the bulletin at seven o'clock last night was very favorable regarding him. His heart, however, apparently could not stand the strain. The funeral will take place here in Miller Chapel at 11:30 on Monday. I have been in touch by telephone with Dr. Pugh, and he was to send out a notice to all the Trustees. It is good in the circumstances that there will be a meeting of the Administrative Committee next Friday.

Kindly let me know what you would think of Harris Kirk of Baltimore as a speaker for the 125th Anniversary Banquet at the Seminary on May 17th. It seems to me that no representative of the Southern Church is an abler man than he. He is a pastor and yet is quite a profound thinker. With Dr. Bonnell and him we should have representatives from the North and from the South. So far as I can learn, no outstanding British speaker will be here in time for the meeting.

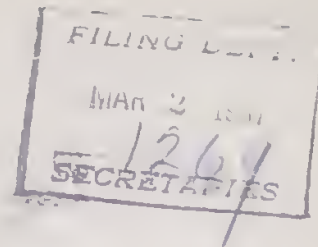
With affectionate regards,

Yours ever,

*John*

JAM:VKT





February 25, 1937

Dr. John A. Mackay,  
Princeton Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, N.J.

My dear John:

I send you herewith, under separate cover, a copy of "La Nación", which contains a couple of interesting articles, -- the first on "The Psychology of North Americans", and the second on your good friend Miguel de Unamuno. I thought you would be interested in them, and kept them out from some papers sent me from Buenos Aires.

I am not sure that I gave you, some time ago, a copy of my little paper on Lancaster, and enclose one of these also. If you already have one, you can pass this on to some one else.

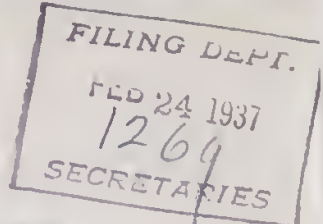
That was a fine write-up of you and your address in the magazine supplement of last Sunday's "New York Times". I feel that we ought to have one of those photographs here in the office, and if you have an extra, I hope that it may find its way here.

With affectionate regards to you all, I am

Very cordially,

Webster E. Browning

WEB:BFC



February 19, 1937  
(Dict. Feb. 16)

Dr. John A. Mackay,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear John:

It is very good to get your letter of February 14 and to know that you are already deep in Alexander's life. Do not fail to read also the life of Samuel Miller. I judge that he was not quite the intellectual equal of Alexander and Hodge, but his character and spirit and good sense were fully equal to theirs, and he seems to have taken a more active part than they in Church affairs.

I should think that Dr. Bonnell would be an admirable choice for the Commencement address. As for the theologian for Monday evening, I wonder whether Dr. Hodge and Dr. Armstrong would object to Dr. Zenos on doctrinal grounds. If not there would remain the question as to whether he would speak sufficiently loudly. If only Dr. Snowden were still living he would be a good choice. I wonder if Sherrill of Louisville would be heavy enough. Thompson of Richmond would certainly be a good man. Or you might invite Lacy as the theologian. I hope that you can think of some still better choice.

I have not been reading "The Presbyterian Guardian." It departs far too widely from the doctrine and spirit of the New Testament.

We missed you very much at the Board Meeting and the staff dinner yesterday. It was a very good day. The Board Meeting was more interesting than usual. Mr. Speers made a good report on the inauguration, in the course of which he remarked that he had fully understood my charge but that he could not say as much for your address which he was looking forward to an opportunity to read. I ventured to rise to a point of privilege to explain that my address had been cast on a lower intellectual level than yours in accordance with St. Paul's example in I Cor. III: 1 and 2, which I read with the addition of the words "but our beloved Brother John will give it to you." I did not have quick enough wit to add that it needed to be remembered that I was the representative and spokesman of the Board of Trustees and that I must act in keeping with that character and not say anything on an intellectual level inconsistent with it.

I have written out my charge at Mr. Robert's request and will send it to him as soon as possible.

Ever affectionately,

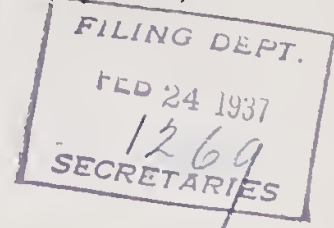
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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

February 12th, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City



My dear Dr. Speer:

Others have had letters from me expressing my indebtedness to them for the part they took in the inauguration exercises, and you who played the principle role and who more than any other was responsible for getting our speakers have had not a written line from me. But I know you need no letters for the eye to scan to have the assurance of my affection and gratitude.

I am already deep in Alexander's Life, which I did not know intimately before. The large volume of Charles Hodge's Life, on the other hand, I have read twice - once when a student at Aberdeen, and since then a few months ago. Dr. Gapp and I rummage now and again among old materials - books, manuscripts, and photographs - in the Library, and I hope that in the course of time some valuable data will be brought to light and set forth in some interesting form for the public.

I have been brooding a great deal over the speaker to invite for the Commencement address. The Committee, as you know, decided that it should be an outstanding pastor. That would seem to rule out Dr. Lacy. It seems to me that we could do nothing better than get Dr. Bonnell. What do you think of him? He is not labeled nor under fire, and yet warmly evangelical and devoted to the cure of souls as well as to preaching, and I think he could make a real contribution. I shall let you know also about my best thought on the theologian for the Monday evening. Possibilities are being explored. I am proposing to ask Dr. Foulkes for our Day of Prayer.

You will see, if a paper called THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN ever comes to your desk, that they have at last opened fire on me. Mr. Paul Martin called me up excitedly yesterday at lunch to tell me that I was the latest heretic. I was relieved, however, when I went over to the Library and found that I was being charged with being a diluted kind of Barthian. They don't dare to make me out a Modernist, so that is hopeful.

My address apparently aroused a good deal of interest, and there is quite a request for its publication. RELIGION IN LIFE, although their material was completed for the April number, wants it. I can then get a reprint. Early in April, immediately it is published, we shall send out another Bulletin with the text and the inauguration proceedings, and calling attention particularly to the 125th Anniversary. It will mean three Bulletins this year, but that will be all to the good, and I hope nobody's inauguration will take place here again without we ourselves having a real organ of publicity. I am absolutely with you in the desire

Dr. Speer

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to resuscitate the Princeton Theological Review. There is a real place for it in the theological world, and we could get the best pens in the Reformed tradition to contribute.

Mrs. Mackay had a most lovely letter from Mrs. Speer. How she does enjoy meeting that gracious lady!

I am now going along, full steam ahead, in my Philosophy of Religion course. It is supposed to be an elective, but forty-nine have signed up for it and about twenty more attend, including a number from the Philosophy Department of the University. I am greatly enjoying the work, although it means a tremendous lot of preparation and invariable small morning hours before retiring.

It is just possible that I may not be able to get to the Board meeting on Monday.

With affectionate regards,

Yours ever,

*John A. Mackay*

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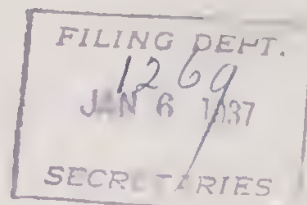
President John A. Mackay,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear John:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to Dr. Johnson and which will serve as an answer also to your good letter of December 29. I hesitate greatly to send this letter, but there is nothing that I can do to be of help to you and to the Seminary that I would not gladly do.

Ever affectionately,

RES:AMW  
Enc.



January 5th, 1937.

*1269 Dr. Mackay*  
Miss Virginia K. Todd,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Miss Todd:

I am afraid I have no further information with reference to Dr. Mackay's engagement at the Texas Pastors School next June. I have been to the Files, but there is nothing there. I seem to recall that the invitation was extended personally to Dr. Mackay on one of his speaking trips, but I may be mistaken in this. I am sorry I cannot be of help.

With good wishes to you and to Dr. Mackay, I am

Sincerely yours,

AS.

R. E. Speer

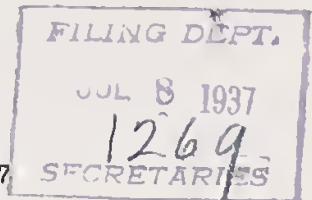
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SPENCER S. MARSH  
744 BROAD STREET  
NEWARK, N. J.

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Ans. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~



June 29, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Dr. Speer:

Just a line to advise you that a letter which you probably have received from Mr. Loos, Assistant Treasurer of Princeton Theological Seminary, has had the approval of the Finance Committee. We are quite pleased to make this sale as we did not want to continue managing 62 Battle Road and through this sale we get all our money back, in fact, make a little profit.

If you will be good enough to sign the deed and return it to Mr. Loos, it will expedite the closing.

Sincerely yours,

*Spencer S. Marsh*

Chairman Finance Committee  
Princeton Theological Seminary

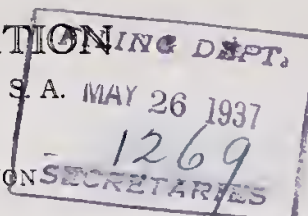
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156 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

May 19, 1937.

My dear Robert:

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Thank you very much for your favorable reply to my note of May 13.  
You are welcome to the copy which I sent you.

May I say that the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Theological Seminary on Monday was the greatest meeting I have ever had the pleasure of attending. The spirit of it was genuinely Christian and all the deliberations were the product of unbiased thought and action. I was particularly proud of our new President. He gave that modest though effective leadership, which is characteristic of him, to the meeting.

We missed you, as we always do, when you are absent from any gathering, and especially the gathering of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary. While sympathetic to your own desires not to serve as the President of the Board, I found it necessary to allow my judgment to overrule my sympathy and to vote wholeheartedly for your election to the Presidency. Your election with the induction of the new President, in my judgment, assures the future of Princeton Seminary as nothing else could do. I know it will be somewhat of a task but it was evident that the Board of Trustees will do everything in their power to make the task as light as possible. By this I take it that every member of the Board and every Committee is at your call for service.

Thanking you for your note, I am,

Affectionately yours,

To -

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
BUILDING.

  
John McDowell.

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"Journal"  
R. E. Speer

Box 449

Meadville, Pa

REV. WILLIAM L. McEWAN, D.D.

508 SOUTH NEGLEY AVENUE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

MAY 28 1937

Dear Robert:

May 25, 1937  
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ns. I am glad the Board elected you to be its president. That was the whole-hearted and unanimous wish of the Committee. Only your insistence made them surrender their wish - as so often as happened in your life and mine, it is a clear manifestation of Providential leadings. I am glad you are President. The Board is so united and so filled with the purpose of maintaining the traditions of Princeton Seminary, that I rejoice to believe that great manifestations of God's favor are before us. The coming of Dr. Maxwell has created a spirit of expectant hope as well as full approbation.

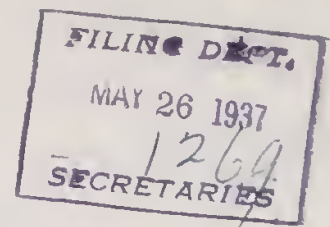
I am sending this to your office, though I know you expect to be at the Assembly for a while.

Your letters are so heart warming, with your expressions of friendship, that I prize them more than you probably realize. Your friendships I count as one of the blessings of my life +

Affectionately yr friend

I hope to be able to attend the fall meeting of the Ad.

William L. McEwan



May 19, 1937

The Rev. William L. McEwan, D. D., LL. D.,  
906 South Negley Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear William:

We missed you sorely at Princeton at the Seminary Commencement and at the meeting of the Trustees. All the Commencement exercises, I think, were most successful. The Alumni dinner Monday evening was the greatest outpouring of loyalty and devotion on the part of the Alumni that we have ever had, far ahead in attendance of any Alumni dinner or luncheon of the past. Dr. Mackay made an admirable address. It was evident that he has a secure place in the affection and confidence of the Alumni.

The university Chapel was more nearly filled at the Commencement exercises on Tuesday morning even than it has been at Dr. Mackay's inauguration. Everything went off beautifully except for your absence and the dignity and warmth of your presiding.

Thanks went badly asked at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday afternoon. It had been clearly agreed by the Nominating Committee to name Harold McAfee Robinson as President and to let me continue as Vice-President. I could not be at the meeting, as I had to go to our Board Meeting here. Somebody threw a monkey wrench into the machinery, the report of the Committee was turned upside down, and I was elected President. I am very sorry for this and only consented to go on for the year, first, because of affection for you and the desire to see that everything would be done just as you would have done it and, second, because the thing having been done and announced to the Alumni and published in the newspapers it would have made an unpleasant situation for me to refuse. I did hope, however, that Harold would have been elected.

It is good to know that you will go on as a member of the Board, and I trust that your health may be such that you will be able to come to the meetings.

Hoping that you may have a good summer and happy days on your farm,

I am

Ever affectionately yours,

WLS:AMW

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SECRETARIES

January 28, 1937  
(Dict. Jan. 22)

The Rev. William L. McKean, D. D.,  
906 South Negley Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear William:

It was a great pleasure and comfort to receive your warm-hearted letter with regard to the Presidency of the Board of Trustees of the Seminary. Every member of the Board deploras your declination of further acceptance of the Presidency, and no one laments this more than I do. You have been the ideal person for this task. And you have discharged it, just as everyone knew you would, with consummate ability and courtesy. I told Hallock Johnson when he spoke to me of the matter that I would not consider it for a moment unless it was your desire. And it is only for that reason, and to be of what help I can to Dr. Mackay, that I have been willing to allow the Committee to go on with its nomination. I know that I would want to do only that which meets with your approval. I trust that you are going to continue on the Administrative Committee and that you will just think of me as one who is acting for you, and who, moreover, is just filling in until both of us can see some permanent arrangement made in the election of some younger man who can go on through the coming years with Dr. Mackay.

I too hear only fine reports of Dr. Mackay and the impression which he is making everywhere.

Dr. Blackwood called this morning, looking very well. I trust that he is going to be able to carry what he is planning to do the next year. He also spoke most warmly of the way Dr. Mackay was beginning in Princeton.

Looking forward to seeing you at the inauguration -

Ever affectionately yours,

RLS:AMW

R. E. Speer

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REV. WILLIAM L. McEWAN, D. D.

906 SOUTH NEGLEY AVENUE

PITTSBURGH, PA.

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Ms. Dear Robert:

It gives me great satisfaction that you are wishing to accept the Presidency of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary, with the coming of Dr. Mackay as President, and the new spirit which he brings to the Seminary. I hope and pray there may be a more glorious period than any in its wonderful history. Already, though I have not been with him, I hear of the fine impression he makes wherever he speaks, and somehow I can feel the awakening of the Seminary.

You have a full set of responsibilities already, and you do not wish more; but providentially this opportunity is opened to you, and surely it is evident that the Lord has a work for you there.

With my love,

Your friend

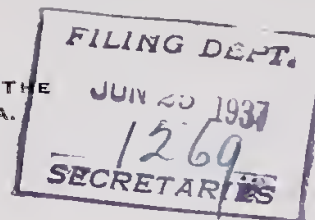
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PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY



WILLIAM BARROW PUGH, SECRETARY  
PROVIDENCE ROAD  
WALLINGFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

June 17th, 1937.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I sent out today to the members of the Administrative Committee a notice of a meeting to be held in your office on Thursday morning, July 1st, 1937, at 10:00 o'clock. Dr. Mackay is at present absent from Princeton, but Miss Todd, his secretary, has assured me that this date will be satisfactory to him. As he will not return until the latter part of next week, I am forwarding him a letter containing your suggestion as to the advisability of trying to have present at the meeting on the first of July one of the men who has been suggested to take charge of the financial program.

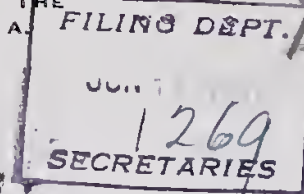
I will take care of the suggested change in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions to the forthcoming meeting of the Alliance as you direct in your recent letter.

Most cordially yours,

Wm B. Pugh

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WILLIAM BARROW PUGH, SECRETARY  
PROVIDENCE ROAD  
WALLINGFORD, PENNSYLVANIA



June 5th, 1937.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

When I returned home from the Assembly yesterday morning, and consulted my schedule of appointments, I found that it would be exceedingly difficult for me to be in New York on June 30th at 10:00 o'clock. The World Alliance finishes its sessions in Montreal on the evening of the 29th, and as I am to be elected American Secretary of the Alliance there will be many things for me to adjust before leaving there. An early morning engagement the next day would seem virtually impossible.

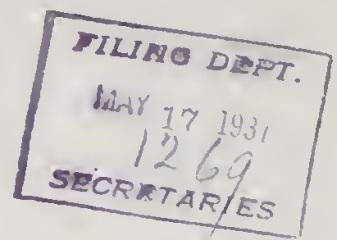
I am wondering whether or not, the date for our Administrative Committee could be changed to the following day. In the eleven years I have been connected with the Board of Trustees, I have never missed a committee meeting of any kind, and I hate to spoil my record. However, if it does not seem practicable to change the date, I shall have to make the best of it. In any case, I shall postpone sending out the notices for the meeting until I hear from you.

Dr. McEwan has just written me expressing his great interest in the Forward Movement. He is still, however, very much under the doctor's care, and is unable to make any trips by train. I am very much afraid that his usefulness as a member of the Board is almost done. His presence has meant a great deal to us during the past few years.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. B. Pugh".



May 14, 1937

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D.,  
Care of Dr. Mackay.

My dear Dr. Pugh:

I have your letter with regard to the Minute for  
Dr. Zwemer, and to make sure of its reaching you I dictated a suggested  
Minute and sent it to Dr. Mackay to hand over to you with any changes  
that he might suggest.

Very cordially yours,

RLC:AMW

R. E. Speer

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WILLIAM BARROW PUGH, SECRETARY  
PROVIDENCE ROAD  
WALLINGFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

May 10th, 1937. 1269

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

The Administrative Committee has appointed you a committee to formulate resolutions commemorative of the services rendered to the Seminary by Dr. Zwemer. The Committee feels that you are the best qualified man on the Board to do this because of your long association with him. It is highly desirable to have these resolutions for presentation to the Board on next Monday. If they can be mailed to me at Princeton by that time, I shall see that they are presented in your name to the Board.

I am exceedingly sorry that you cannot be present at our meeting next week for I think that it will be a very significant meeting. I am taking the liberty to send you in advance what I have prepared for presentation to the Administrative Committee today with reference to a Forward Movement for the Seminary. You will note that it involves some very hopeful suggestions. It does seem that much can be done in the next few years along these lines in view of the tremendous impression which John Mackay is making upon the Church. I know that you will be interested in what is contemplated.

All of us are greatly disappointed in the fact that you do not see your way clearly to assume the Presidency of the Board of Trustees. There is no other man on the entire Board whom some of us would want to see thus honored than yourself. However, we can only respect your wishes on the matter and regret that it could not be otherwise. I received a letter



WILLIAM BARROW PUGH, SECRETARY  
PROVIDENCE ROAD  
WALLINGFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

James R. King

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apparent loss for the month and beginning and continue regular in the  
year to come

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SECRETARY

May 3, 1937  
(dict. May 7)

The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D.,  
Providence Road,  
Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Pugh:

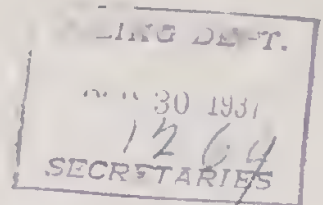
I have your notice of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary on Monday, May 17. I am sorry that it will ~~not~~ be possible for me to be present, as our Board meets that day with important committee meetings at which I must be present beginning at noon. Will you please present my excuse for absence? This is the last meeting of the Board before the General Assembly, and as a Secretary of the Board of course my first duty is to it.

I find that I have in my engagement book a notice of a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Seminary on Tuesday afternoon, May 11. Is this correct?

Very cordially yours,

W.B.P.

Dictated by Mr. Spear  
Signed in his absence



April 22, 1937  
(dict. Apr. 20)

The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D.,  
Providence Road,  
Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Pugh:

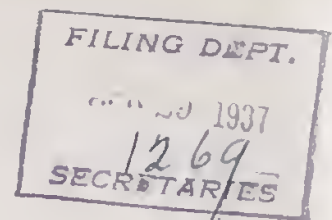
A later note from Dr. Hamilton expressed great relief at having received from you the material that he needed for his report.

I have your notice of the meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Seminary Board on Tuesday, May 11, and have made note of it. The appointment conflicts with other engagements which I already have which were made long ago, but I will see if I can get released to come down to this meeting. I am distressed that I have had to miss so many meetings of the Administrative Committee. It just shows how useless I am as a member of the Board and confirms the feeling that I have expressed in a letter to Hallock Johnson, that it will be a mistake for the Nominating Committee to suggest me as Dr. McEwan's successor. I think that it would be far wiser for them to propose Dr. Hodge. In case I do not get down for the meeting of May 11 will you be good enough to present my excuse for absence?

I see also that the Seminary commencement comes on Monday, May 17, which is the date of the last meeting of our Board prior to the General Assembly. It is a meeting at which our budget for the new year must be adopted, and there are some questions of the utmost importance that will have to be considered then. It will not be possible for me to miss that meeting of our Board. Are there any appointments of the Trustees for that day or the day after? If the Trustees Meeting comes that Monday I shall simply have to miss it. I believe that the Seminary commencement proper is on Tuesday, May 18. Are there any other appointments for that day?

Very faithfully yours,

WBS:AMW



April 18, 1937  
(dict. Apr. 20)

The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D.,  
Providence Road,  
Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Pugh:

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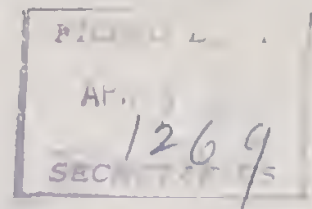
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Very faithfully yours,

W.B.P.



March 14, 1937  
(Dict. Mar. 12)

The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D.,  
Providence Road,  
Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Pugh:

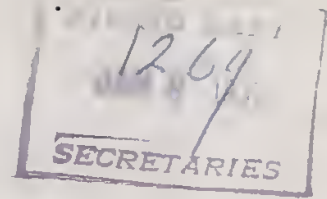
I have just received your note of yesterday with regard to the meeting of the Administrative Committee at Princeton on April 6. I am sorry that I did not know of these appointments long ago. I have had an engagement of some months standing to make the annual address before the Upper Canada Bible Society of Toronto on April 6, and I cannot at this late date change that appointment. I am very sorry as I ought to be present at these meetings in Princeton. Will you please present my excuse for absence?

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence





January 4, 1937.

Rev. William B. Pugh, D.D.,  
Providence Road,  
Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

*Princeton Theological Seminary*  
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My dear Dr. Pugh:-

Your note of December 31st received and I enclose  
a copy of a letter which I have just written to Dr. Faris.

Dr. Master wrote that he would not be able to speak  
at the luncheon as Moderator as he was expecting to be on the Pacific  
coast at the time of the inauguration. I think all the arrangements  
are now made.

With kind regard and best wishes for the new year,

Very cordially yours,

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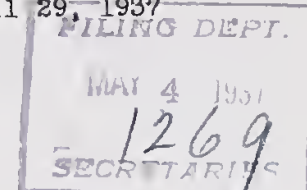
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REV. EDWARD HOWELL ROBERTS  
REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY

MISS EDNA HATFIELD  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

April 29, 1937



Robert E. Speer, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

We are very glad to mail you today thirty-five copies of  
the Seminary Bulletin.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Edward Howell Roberts*

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April 16, 1937

The Rev. Edward Howell Roberts, D. D.,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

We have 25 Mission secretaries and should be glad to send  
a copy of the Seminary Bulletin to each one of them. I think that we  
could use 10 copies here in the offices also if you could spare us  
as many as these.

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW

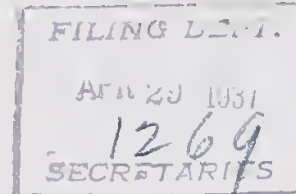
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April 23, 1937

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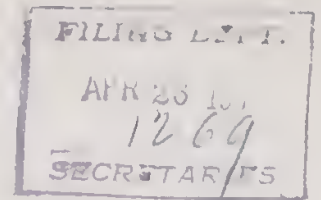
*R. E. Speer*  
*Ans* *H/c*  
Robert E. Speer, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

We are very glad to send you today extra copies of the April issue of the Seminary Bulletin. We have an extra supply and so shall be glad to send you the number you may wish for the Secretaries of the various Missions.

Very sincerely yours,

*Edward Howell Roberts*



April 12, 1937  
(dict. Apr. 20)

The Rev. Edward H. Roberts, D. D.,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

Could you send me several extra copies of the April issue of the Seminary Bulletin containing Dr. Mackay's address? If you have a large spare supply of this issue we should be happy to send copies of it out to the secretaries of our various Missions and especially to the men in our theological schools.

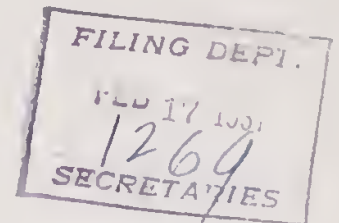
Very cordially yours,

REC:AMH

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence



February 15, 1937



Professor Edward Howell Roberts,  
The Theological Seminary  
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Mr. Roberts:

I am glad to hear of the plans with regard to the Seminary Bulletin, and especially to know that you will be printing Dr. Mackay's address and the talks at the luncheon.

As to my Charge to Dr. Mackay I have already written it out and shall send it to you before March 1st.

Very cordially yours,

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R. E. Speer

Edward Howell Roberts

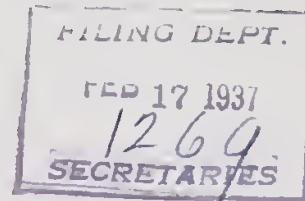
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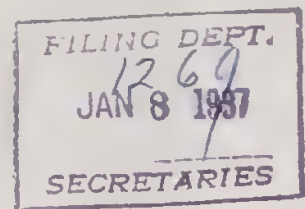
My dear Dr. Speer:-

The Committee on the Seminary Bulletin has decided that it would be very fine to have the spring Bulletin appear shortly after the first of April. They would like to make this an especially attractive Bulletin to commemorate the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Seminary. It is felt that the Alumni would like to know just what went on at inauguration time. The plan, therefore, is to publish in the Bulletin your charge to Dr. Mackay, the Inaugural Address and the four talks given at the luncheon. We have all this material in hand with the exception of your charge. If the plan meets with your approval we should appreciate very much having at your earliest convenience a copy of the charge. We hope to have all the material in the hands of the printer before March the first.

I have heard many fine reports about the inauguration. It kindled great enthusiasm. I enjoyed very much your interesting references to Charles Hodge and the other giants of former years.

Very sincerely yours,

Edward Howell Roberts



January 4, 1937.

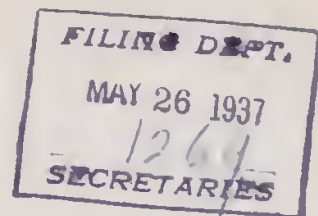
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Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Roberts:-

I am glad to learn from your letter of December 31st that you had such a satisfactory conference with Dr. Finley. Dr. Hallock Johnson has just been here and I have given him the complete file of our biographical material regarding Dr. Mackay. It might be well if you would consult this. I think we have nothing here beyond what this file will supply. We were a little reluctant to have it go out of the office but Dr. Johnson promised to see that it was kept intact and return in due time.

Very cordially yours,

RES/GAC



May 19, 1937

The Rev. Harold McAfee Robinson, D. D.,  
Witherspoon Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Harold:

I was sorry to learn in Princeton of your serious operation and trust that it is turning out well and that you may now have entire relief from this trouble with your ear. I know well what such troubles are, although I have never had any so serious as you have had. And I hope that all the pain and discomfort are over now and that you and your family, who have had so many anxieties these recent years, may now have a thorough respite.

I had to be Monday afternoon at the meeting of our Board, dealing with its budget for the new year, and did not get down to Princeton until the alumni dinner in the evening. It was the best attended meeting that we have ever had, full of loyalty and confidence. I was appalled, however, on arriving to hear of the action of the Trustees' Meeting in the afternoon. I don't know what it was that upset the recommendation of Hallock Johnson's Committee. I only know that it was evidence that Satan can find an entrance even into the most sacred conclaves. I would certainly have refused to go on with the matter if there had not already been public announcement made and if it had not been evident that this would create an unfavorable situation. All that I can say is that I will go on for this year with deep inward protest, doing what I can to help John Mackey, and with the earnest hope that you may take over the Presidency next year.

With warm regards -

Your sincere friend,

W. A. R.

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May 25, 1937  
(dict. May 24)

Dr. W. P. Stevenson,  
127 Fifth Avenue, West,  
Roselle, New Jersey.

*Princeton University  
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My dear Uncle William:

It was a pleasure to receive your note suggesting that the Degree of Doctor of Divinity be given Dr. Mackay at the coming University Commencement. I fear that it is altogether too late to accomplish anything of this sort, but I am writing to Dr. Wilson Farrand who, I think, is the Chairman of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and would suggest your writing to him also. perhaps you might drop a note as well to President Dodds. Dr. Farrand's address is at the Princeton Inn.

Ever affectionately,

RLS:AMW

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence  
Enc.



R. E. Speer

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ROSELLE, NEW JERSEY

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Dr Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Ave

My dear Robert

I meant to speak to you today when I went to your office about asking Princeton University to give Dr Mackay a DD at this coming Commencement

Maybe you have already arranged this I think it would a most graceful and appropriate thing for them to do

You and I as alumni of the University could make such a request with good grace The University have honored me by making me an honorary member of their graduate council

Dr Mackay is certainly entitled to more than that as the head of Princeton's Faculty

Yours affectionately

W. P. Stevenson

R. E. Speer

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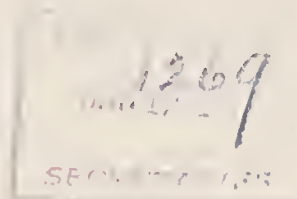
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THE DIVINITY SCHOOL  
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Rev. LUTHER A. WEIGLE, DEAN

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

January 7, 1937

The Rev. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Ave.  
New York



Dear Dr. Speer:

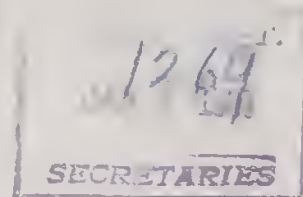
I have your note telling me that the arrangements for the exercises in connection with Dr. Mackay's inauguration have now been completed. I understand that at the luncheon the speakers will appear in the following order: President Dodds, President Kelso, President Lacy and myself, and that the time limit will be 12 to 15 minutes. This arrangement suits me very well, and I look forward with a great deal of pleasure to sharing in this occasion.

With all good wishes for the New Year to Mrs. Speer and yourself, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

*Carving*

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January 4, 1937.

200-Y

Dean Luther A. Weigle,  
The Divinity School,  
Yale University,  
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Dean Weigle:-

All arrangements for the services in connection with Dr. Mackay's inauguration have now been made. The morning service will be in the University Chapel at 11 o'clock, when Dr. Mackay will deliver his inaugural address. The luncheon will immediately follow in the Westminster Choir School, where Professor Lootscher will preside, and the speakers will be in the following order: President Dodds, President Kelso, President Lacy and yourself. We are suggesting a time limit of from 12 to 15 minutes as suitable for each of the speakers. I trust that this will be acceptable to you.

With warm regard and best wishes for the New Year,

Very cordially yours,

RES/CAC

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*S. M. Zwemer*  
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January 16, 1937.

Miss Irene Sheppard  
Board of Foreign Missions  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Sheppard:

3-3  
In reply to your letter of Jan. 14th  
we have met Mr. Ramteke and he has seen Princeton.  
Whether his efforts to begin work here the coming  
term are successful, I cannot say, but he himself  
will give you an account of the result.

This morning I am taking Mr. Ramteke  
to see Mr. Roberts, the Registrar, and last night  
he had dinner at one of the clubs. I think he  
seems earnest in his purpose and I hope that he  
can profit by his stay in this country.

Very cordially yours,

*S. M. Zwemer*

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January 12, 1937

Miss Irene Sheppard  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Miss Sheppard:

3-3  
Your letter of January 11 came this morning, and I have carefully gone over it with Mr. F. M. Velte. I think he is writing to you also. My conclusion is that the best course for Mr. Ramteke under the circumstances will be to accept the scholarship offered him by the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Chicago, and that for two reasons: I do not believe that his qualifications, as I gather from Dr. Edwards, would enable him to enroll as a regular student here; nor do I believe that scholarship aid is available at Princeton.

Mr. Velte raises the question as to who sponsored his visit to this country for graduate study. In any case, if he makes good in Chicago, then a second year, if possible, might will be spent at Princeton. But it would be very advantageous to take the whole year here and not break into the middle of the term.

I hope I am not unsympathetic, and if Mr. Ramteke desires to visit Princeton we will gladly show him hospitality. In that case you will of course let him know.

Very cordially yours,

*Samuel M. Zwemer*

SMZ:B



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January 11, 1937

Dr. S. M. Zwemer

2-11 Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Velte

1-11 Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Allison

Dear Friends:

I am writing this letter jointly, not only to save time, but because I can therefore give all of you the same information.

3-3 Dr. Velte and Dr. Allison met at our October meeting Mr. Ramteke, pastor of one of our churches at Kolhapur in the Western India Mission. Dr. Edwards tells me that he has talked with Dr. Zwemer about Mr. Ramteke.

My purpose in writing to all three of you is for the following reasons: Mr. Ramteke was baptized in the Anglican Church, had most of his educational training in the Missionary Alliance schools, took a full course at the United Theological College of Western India, at Poona, and at his graduation was called to the Kolhapur Church by the Presbyterian groups in that city in our Western India Mission. He has been there, I think, about two years. Rather unexpectedly, the opportunity came to him for a year's study in America. He was given a year's leave of absence by the Presbytery. Because of haste in his plans, and a certain amount of confusion in correspondence, he was entered in the National Bible Institute, here in New York, at 55th street. His original desire was to go to Princeton. Both Princeton and the Biblical Seminary of New York replied to his application, explaining he did not have adequate study to enter for a degree. Like a good many other nationals in India, he is most eager to have a degree as the result of his study here in America. Dr. Edwards, last week, convinced him that it was inadvisable to strive for a degree (which he probably could not get) and to take up the studies which he is particularly in need of. Dr. Edwards, who as principal of the United Theological College at Poona has been in close touch with Mr. Ramteke for four years, advises his taking the following courses: "a special course made up of Old and New Testaments, theology, N. T. Greek, Church History, Homiletics, and some periods in the Westminster Music School."

Those who know Mr. Ramteke speak of him with high commendation. They are most eager that he should transfer to a Presbyterian seminary as soon as possible, for this second semester. Dr. Edwards has written, that following an interview with Dr. Stone of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary (McCormick), Mr. Ramteke is being offered by them "a scholarship that will cover his board and that he can have room, light, heat, etc. free, also that he may begin now." As the second semester has already begun in Chicago, if he is to transfer there, he must go within the next week, as soon as his examinations are completed at the Bible Institute.

Dr. Edwards has also talked to Dr. Erdman, Dr. Zwemer, Dr. Mackay. Dr. Mackay is ready to accept Mr. Ramteke as a special student at Princeton, but tells us there is no scholarship aid ~~to be~~ left for students going in for the second semester. Therefore, so far as we can calculate minimum expenses, it will cost Mr. Ramteke only his railway travel to Chicago, over and against \$130 or \$140 at Princeton. Both Mr. John Goheen and Dr. Edwards prefer

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Princeton if it can be arranged. As it is a matter for Mr. Ramteke to decide, and he is naturally anxious about expenses, we would like to have him go down to Princeton and see for himself the seminary and meet some of the faculty, before making up his mind. You will note from the excerpts I enclose, that Mr. Ramteke's missionary colleagues refer to his literary ability and his musical interest. In view of the fact that the Indian Church is so deplorably in need of ministers who can develop their forms of worship, it seems to me a wonderful opportunity for Mr. Ramteke to have some study at the Westminster Choir School, if he is eligible. If he is not, it would eliminate in the choice of a seminary, the question of music, which is not supplied in such measure at McCormick.

I believe we could secure for Mr. Ramteke a second year's leave of absence, which would give an additional reason for studying at Princeton and having consecutive study for a year and a half. There is a strong probability of our finding at least a hundred dollars towards his expenses next year, and I am wondering if there might be some scholarship aid secured from the seminary for next year, if application is made at once.

I am addressing the envelopes to Dr. and Mrs. Velte and Dr. and Mrs. Allison, hoping that if the men are absent, their wives will be good enough to send me word whether their husbands are expected in Princeton at the end of the week and could therefore, so far as they know, see Mr. Ramteke if he goes to Princeton. I think Mr. Ramteke would make every effort to go any time after his lectures on Friday. Is it possible for him to spend the night somewhere in Princeton, in order to have a little more time to see the beauty of that campus and sense the Christian fellowship?

With very much appreciation of your help in this matter, believe me

Cordially yours,

IS:MVS

Irene Shappard.

*quoted next to last paragraph (marked) in  
Dr. Edwards letter to Dr. Mackay of Dec. 24-36*

"Let me add that Mr. Ramteke won universal approval at Poona as a man of unusual devotional gifts, musical talent and aptitude for Marathi literary work, hence the wisdom of developing these gifts by further training. In his college exams he obtained an average mark in all subjects of about sixty per cent and his period as Kolhapur Pastor shows he possesses preaching gifts in Marathi of no mean order. He also knows enough English to pursue his studies in English."

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November 3, 1937

Princeton Theological Seminary,  
Princeton,  
New Jersey.

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send us six copies of your  
catalog, for use in our Furlough Study Department?

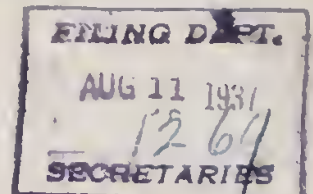
Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Webster E. Browning

WEB:W





August 10, 1937  
(dict. Aug. 9)

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PRINCETON  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Dear Friends:

Dr. Pugh has already reported to you Dr. Henry Brown's letter with regard to our proposal made to him in which he asks time for further consideration.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Blackwood, in a letter dated July 30, I wrote to Dr. Blackwood in support of Mrs. Blackwood's plan to get him away from Princeton for a long, quiet rest near Columbus where, Mrs. Blackwood said, they had two close personal friends who were doctors and who would keep Dr. Blackwood under their constant care. My letter to Dr. Blackwood was as follows:

(see attached)

Dr. Blackwood accepts this letter as follows:

"Let me thank you and those whom you represent for the gracious letter concerning my plans for the coming year. Mrs. Blackwood and I have deeply appreciated all that the Board of Trustees have done and are doing to show an interest in the welfare of this household and of me personally. We only wish that it were possible for us to show our appreciation in more tangible form.

"Partly because of our concern for the sons it is not easy to plan any radical change in our ways of living. But of course we shall expect to defer to the wishes of the Board of Trustees, as expressed by you as the President and by Dr. Mackay as the President of the Seminary. In common with his many admirers we rejoice that he is the leader of the work here and we hope that he will be spared for long years of rare achievement in the work for which he is so splendidly equipped.

"permit me also to congratulate you upon your leadership in the work of the Church and the Kingdom. It is good to think that you may continue your labors through these coming years and thus continue to share in the harvest of the seed that you have sown."

Mrs. Blackwood also writes:

August 10, 1937

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"I presume he will be writing to you one of these days—but if he doesn't, just know that we both appreciate your writing as you did."

I have sent to the American Consul in London the letter which Dr. Mackay requested with regard to Dr. Piper.

Very cordially yours,

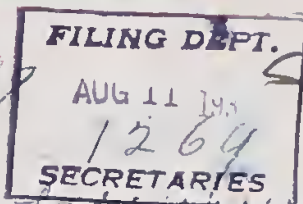


Mrs A. W. (Carolyn P.) Blackwood

R. E. Speer

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Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

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Carolyn P. Blackwood,

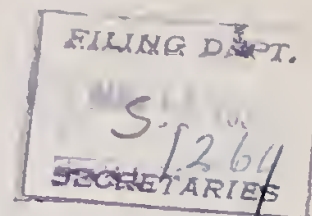
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*Andrew W. Blackwood*

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY



August 5th, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Doctor Speer:

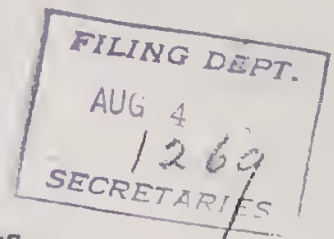
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Permit me also to congratulate you upon your leadership in the work of the Church and the Kingdom. It is good to think that you may continue your labors through these coming years and thus continue to share in the harvest of the seed that you have sown.

I am, Yours most sincerely,

*Andrew W. Blackwood*  
Andrew W. Blackwood



August 2, 1937

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Mrs. Andrew W. Blackwood,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Blackwood:

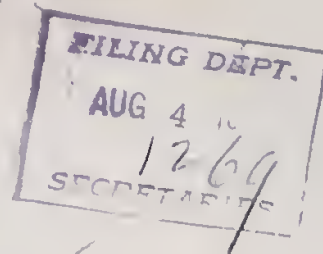
Your letter of July 30 has just been received,  
and I have written at once to Dr. Blackwood and enclose a  
copy of my letter to him. I am asking Mr. Loos to pass  
this on to you rather than to post it in the Board  
envelope in the same mail as the letter to Dr. Blackwood.

Our hearts go out to you and to him in this  
deep trial. I trust that he may be willing to follow  
your advice and to go with you to Ohio, and that the year's  
rest may bring about a full recovery.

With kind regard -

Very sincerely yours,

RES:AMW



August 2, 1937

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The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

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With kind regard -

Very sincerely yours,

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August 2, 1937

Professor Andrew W. Blackwood,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Blackwood:

We are missing Dr. Mackay very sorely but are glad both for his sake and for the sake of the Church at large that he can be present at the Conferences at Oxford and Edinburgh. In his absence I am venturing to write to urge on you the wisdom of accepting the proposal of the Trustees that you should take this whole academic year for a thoroughly good rest, with salary continued. You have given yourself so conscientiously these past years to the work in the Seminary and in the service of the Church that it is the mind of all your friends that for the sake of continued future service you ought to heed the counsel of the doctors and friends and devote yourself this entire year to replenishing the reservoirs and building up your strength for the years ahead. I trust that you will plan to get away from Princeton to some quiet place where the temptations to take on the load again will not be as strong as in the old surroundings.

If you will conscientiously take this Sabbatical year now and use it for rest and reinvigoration, who can tell how many years of active work may yet lie before you? I had an interesting, encouraging experience myself last Saturday evening in meeting a nice old gentleman in front of the Grand Central Station, where we were waiting for a Fourth Avenue bus, who engaged me in a friendly conversation about the weather and New York City and the problem of parking automobiles. It soon emerged that he was a builder, and he told me that although he was quite an old man he was still active. "I think," he said, "that I must be 15 years older than you." I told him that I would be 70 next month. "O," said he, "I am 93." And he was as well and hearty and full of vigor and good ideas as any younger man. I told him that he gave me great encouragement, that I would count now on at least 25 more years in which to see the trees and the shrubbery grow that we have planted at our little home in northwestern Connecticut.

If there is any way in which we can be of service to you in settling your plans, please do not hesitate to let us know.

I just received from our friend Dr. Hudson the program of the Massanetta Conference this month, and I am hoping to be there for 4 days. Every remembrance of the place brings



Professor Andrew W. Blackwood - 2.

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back the recollection of our happy time there together.

With kind regard -

Very cordially yours,

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52 Mercer Street

The Princeton Theological Seminary Princeton, N. J.

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My dear Dr. Speer-

Mr. Loos and I have been having a long conference concerning plans for the coming winter. When Dr. Mackay talked with Mr. Blackwood, after his conference with you and the administrative committee, I am feeling that Mr. Blackwood did not take in the fact that "a good long rest" meant taking the winter off. I have felt that there was no point in raising an issue about it until he was stronger and more able to think about such a change, so the matter has not been discussed with him at all.

He is very definitely better now and I feel we should not delay any longer in letting him know that the Board is giving him the year off. I think for psychological reasons, it would

be best if that information  
came from you, as President of  
the Board of Trustees. I don't  
know whether you have ever  
had to deal with a case of nerves  
or not, but if you have, you  
know so much depends on the  
way a matter is handled. He  
has been a perfect dear about  
doing what I have wanted  
him to do, but I think he  
may be a little bit inclined  
to balk if I undertook to tell  
him of the imminent change!  
Stress is going away from Princeton.  
He was so bitterly discouraged  
when Dr. Mackay went away,  
feeling that his days of usefulness  
were over, that he ought to  
offer his resignation, that he  
would never be able to teach any  
more, etc, etc. For that reason  
I have just let the matter lie.

Now that he is stronger, I'm sure he will see things in a sensible light.

I think a word of commendation for services already given, and some encouragement concerning the future, would be in order from you. - I am sure if you could see some of the letters some of the "boys" have written in, telling him how much his work is meaning to them in the active pastorate, you would understand my boldness in asking this of you, but he does need <sup>he needs</sup> encouragement and to get a grip on himself again. and it would help if you could assure him of his future usefulness.

It has been deep and bitter water we have been through but God has sustained us and I am sure He will continue to do so. The doctors say when he gets rid of the sources of poison in his system (four

impacted wisdom teeth and also infected tonsils.) that he will regain his health and be better than ever before, for he has had these impacted teeth since he was grown, and doubtless the tonsils have been trouble makers for a long time too.

He has lost about 28 pounds in weight, but he has begun to make a slight gain. The intestinal trouble is yielding to treatment, the temperature is normal, the pulse regular & normal and his general condition gradually on the upgrade - just as soon as he is able for it we will have the tonsils out - and then the teeth - one at a time! But I wish to wait until cooler weather.

I am thinking of going to Ohio with him near where we used to be in Columbus. - We will be close enough to have two men who are not only splendid

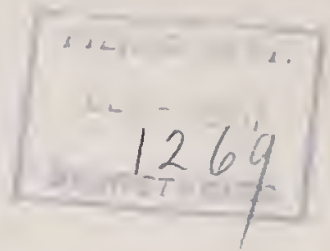


doctors, but personal friends,  
and I know he will have every  
attention they can give him  
medically - We have a host  
of friends there who will mean  
much to him, when he is  
able for it. Of course he may  
wish to go to Florida or elsewhere  
but I hope he will want Ohio!

Mr. Laas said he had told you  
over the phone that Mr. Blackwood  
was improving, so if you have  
occasion to mention his progress  
you need not mention that I  
have written.

I am confident that when the  
"offending members" are removed  
and he has an opportunity to  
gather strength for reserve, that  
he will come back strong, and  
do better work than ever -  
We still need patience and grace  
and a willingness to do His will.  
To that end pray for us -

Cordially yours -  
Carolyn P. Blackwood.



December 8, 1937

Dr. Henry S. Brown,  
Princeton, New Jersey

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Henry:

I am back in New York just for the day and find here your note of December 6th with its interesting enclosures, which I will take with me to read on the train tonight or tomorrow.

With kind regard,

Yours sincere friend,

RES:B

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September 3, 1937  
(dict. August 31)

The Rev. Henry S. Brown, D. D.,  
8 South Dearborn Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Henry:

I have been away the last week at some Southern Presbyterian Bible Conferences and have been delighted on returning today to receive your letter of August 25 accepting the call to Princeton Seminary. I rejoice in this more than I can say. My office sent word of your letter at once to Dr. Pugh, and I am writing to Dr. Mackay. I am glad that you will have an opportunity to confer with him next week.

Looking forward joyfully to this continued and closer association with you, and praying that the future may unfold for us, by God's grace, all that we hope for in the development of the Seminary, I am

Your sincere friend,

RES:AMW

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence

R. E. 31

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Dr. Pugh says he  
about this & I am  
Dr. Brown's letter 1.

HENRY SEYMOUR BROWN  
8 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET  
CHICAGO

him.

Dr. Pugh says he  
will send out to Ben.  
members whatever you  
wish sent - 500.

My dear Robert

I'll come & do my best for  
Princeton and may God in His

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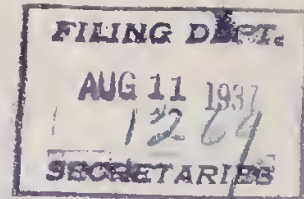
great goodness give Dr. Mackay  
all the success Princeton deserves  
and the church in this  
critical hour needs.

I cannot possibly leave Chicago  
before November first as there are  
certain things that must be done  
here before I can in conscience leave.  
Detailed arrangements I can work  
out here with Dr. Mackay at  
Camp Gray Convention Sept. 7-10.

Gratefully yours

Henry S. Brown

Saugatuck,  
Michigan  
Aug. 25/37



August 2, 1937

The Rev. Henry S. Brown, D. D.,  
Church Extension Board of the Presbytery of Chicago,  
8 South Dearborn Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Henry:

We have been waiting eagerly for your reply to  
the proposal from the Trustees of Princeton Seminary. When  
I opened your letter this morning I was in hopes that it would  
bring your positive and definite acceptance. At any rate it  
is a comfort to know that the question is still open with you,  
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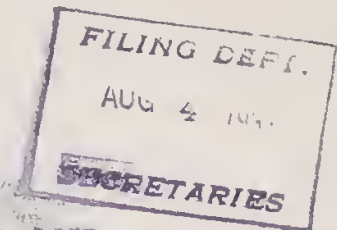
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July 29, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Robert:

I told you that I thought I would be able to give my answer yes or no within two or three weeks of the meeting in your office. I am sorry that my mind is not quite clear yet. I called a meeting of the Board to have their united and efficient counsel for today, but most of them are out of the city and I have been able to get together less than a quorum. I am sorry for the delay, but it is necessary. There are so many angles to the problem, personal and otherwise, that I dare not act hastily. Please bear with me. Anyway nothing can be done until Mackay gets back from Europe.

It is terribly hard to do any business at all this time of the year: All your counsellors are away, have been for nearly a month.

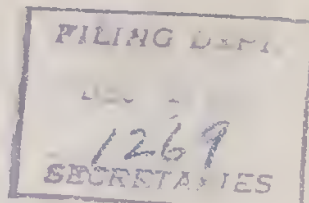
With every good wish for you and yours,

Sincerely,

Henry Brown

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Princeton Theological  
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December 3, 1937

Rev. Henry Snyder Gehman, Ph.D.,  
60 Stockton Street,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Gehman:

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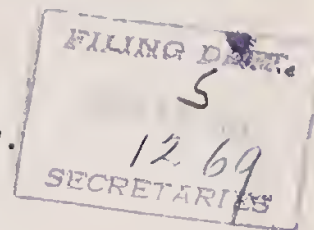
Sincerely yours,

Charles T. Leber.

E. Speer

*George W. Loos, Jr.*  
PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
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GEORGE W. LOOS, JR.  
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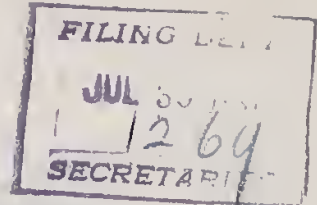
You have no doubt heard from Dr. Mackay that after several conferences with Dr. Mudge and Dr. Cotton, he has invited Dr. Piper to come to Princeton for a year as Visiting Professor of Theology. He has therefore asked me to prepare the enclosed letter to the American Consul at London on our Seminary stationery, with the request that you sign it and send it to the Consul.

Thank you very much for writing Dr. Blackwood as you did. Mrs. Blackwood said his comment was: "This means I'm through at Princeton and they are trying to let me out gracefully"; but he certainly could not have inferred that from your kind and tactful letter.

Gratefully yours,

*George W. Loos, Jr.*

P.S. I shall notify Dr. Piper that I have asked you to write the Consul.



July 25, 1937  
(dict. July 20)

The Rev. Benjamin M. Gemmill, D. D.,  
Harrisville,  
Pennsylvania.

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Dr. Gemmill:

Your letter of July 16 with reference to the suggestion for the revival of "The Princeton Review" has been received. I think that the members of the Board and faculty most interested in the matter are Dr. William Hallock Johnson and Dr. Mackay, and I presume that the question will come up for consideration some time in the fall when Dr. Mackay is back from the conferences at Oxford and Edinburgh.

Very sincerely yours,

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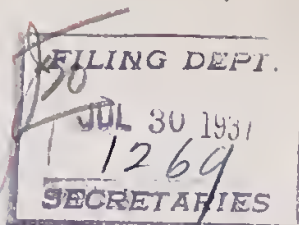
Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence

Speer

Benj. M. Semmill

Hartsville Pa

July 16. 1937



My dear Bro:-

Princeton Theological  
Seminary

I was much interested in your suggestion about reviving the Princeton Review and am acting upon it; and have made out a 'dummy' and submitted it to Mr Mackay. I have material enough to keep it going for several years, and my plan is to get advanced subscribers at \$2.50 per year as soon as Mr Mackay returns.

I wish to solicit your aid when the matter is brought up among the directors.

My hand is much improved and I can use it now. The Review should be made more popular, missionary and evangelistic but in keeping with Mr Mackay's plans for the forward movement of the Seminary.

I am sorry that you are retiring from the mission cause. No one can take your place. Thank you for the Board's report, but I have not the prize essays.

Hope that you will have a rest summer.  
Yours truly, Benj. M. Semmill,

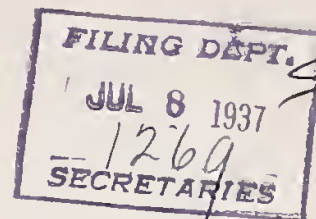


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July 2, 1937

Doctor Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Doctor Speer:

I write to report to you that I have to-day closed the sale of the property at 62 Battle Road, Princeton, to George Howard Forsyth, Jr. and Eleanor Marquand Forsyth, by delivering the Seminary's deed therefor to B. Thorn Lord, Esquire, attorney for the purchasers.

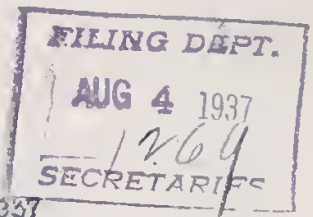
Mr. Loos tells me that he had previously received \$2,000 of the consideration money, and certified checks for \$18,000, being the balance of the purchase price, were to-day delivered to him.

Yours very truly,

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*Kenneth H. Lanning*





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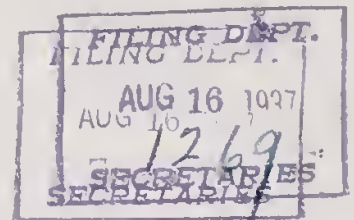
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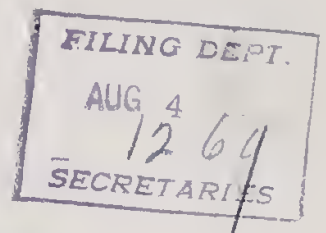
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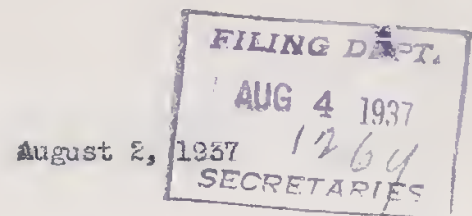
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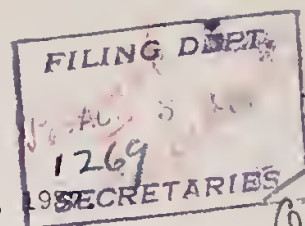
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July 30,



Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

In accordance with your suggestion to Mr. Roberts that he or I should call on Dr. Blackwood's family physician who reported to us the Mayos' diagnosis, we both called on Dr. Summers today. He assured us not only that Mrs. Blackwood knows the diagnosis, but that the Mayos had urged her to put Dr. Blackwood in a mental hospital and that he, Dr. Summers, had also urged the same thing. In spite of all this advice, however, Mrs. Blackwood refuses to believe that there is any other cause for the trouble than the physical ailments.

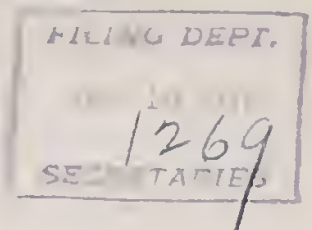
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Dr. Summers felt that there was nothing further that the Seminary could do in the matter. Some weeks ago in order to protect the Seminary from any possible criticism in case of any untoward eventuality, I asked Dr. Summers to write me a letter stating that he had informed Mrs. Blackwood in detail of the findings of the Mayo Clinic, and I have this letter on file.

Very sincerely yours,

*George W. Loos, Jr.*





November 9, 1937

Dr. John A. Mackay,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Mackay:

Many thanks for your letter of November 6th with its information about Mr. Paton's schedule at the Seminary. When we planned this meeting for the India Colleges on November 12th, we did it with the realization that nothing must interfere with the plans you had made with Mr. Paton at Princeton. These plans are his major responsibility. We wrote in order to see whether we might fit into our plan a part of his time without interfering with the Princeton schedule. As he will be here on the morning of the 12th, conferring with Dr. Mott, we are arranging a brief luncheon period preceding the meeting, which will give us an opportunity to discuss some of these things with Mr. Paton. We understand that, without fail, we must see that he gets the 3:08 train for Princeton, that afternoon.

With assurances to you that we will safe-guard the Princeton schedule, and with appreciation of your readiness to cooperate with us, believe me

Very cordially yours,

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Miss Irene Sheppard  
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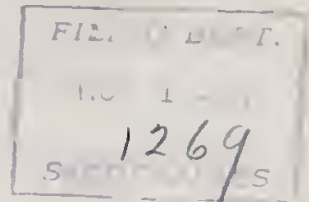
I deeply regret, and I have so written Mr. Paton, that 5:00 p.m. is the latest possible hour for a meeting in the Seminary. I expressed to him the hope, therefore, that he might be on hand for his last lecture on November 12th. Since it is his last lecture, it could be disastrous to the whole cause that we have in view if anything abnormal happened on that afternoon. That lecture will be the fifth, and so the culminating one of his series.

With warm regards,

Yours very cordially,

*John A. Mackay*  
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October 26, 1937

Dr. John Mackay,  
Princeton Seminary,  
Princeton, N. J.

My dear Dr. Mackay:

I am writing on behalf of Dr. Leroy Dodds, who has been appointed Chairman of the Executive Committee of the India College Committee, (succeeding Dr. Speer). He is, therefore, responsible for arranging a meeting with Mr. Paton while he is here in America. The British Committee has made particular request that Mr. Paton discuss with the American Committee the urgency of pushing ahead with the Lindsay Commission recommendations regarding the Research and Extension program in connection with the "Mother Colleges."

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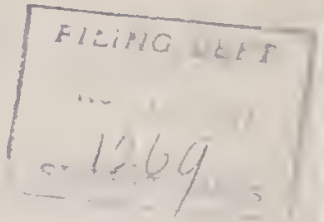
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Cordially yours,

Irene Sheppard

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Dear Dr. Mackay:

I am writing on behalf of Dr. Leroy Goodson  
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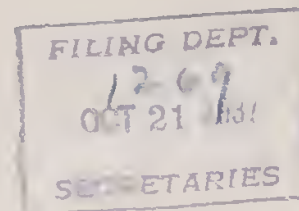
In Dr. Mackay's absence in connection with a General Assembly Committee meeting in Chicago, let me acknowledge your letter of the 19th regarding Dr. Paik. You will be hearing from Dr. Mackay shortly after his return.

Very sincerely yours,

*Virginia K. Todd*

Secretary to Dr. Mackay

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Studied French, German, Greek, Latin and Hebrew.

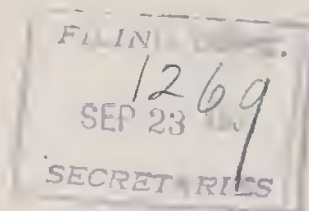
I am asking Dr. Paik to get in touch with you and do hope that you will be able to see him and confer with him in order that he may be encouraged in his endeavor to find a place here in American life, for the time being at least.

Very best of wishes,

Sincerely,

Charles T. Leber.

CTL:MR



September 21st, 1937.

Dr. John A. Mackay,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Don Juan:

This note will introduce to you Mr. Joseph Romig, son of our dear friends, Harry and Lucy Romig, who has been teaching in China during the past two years. He is now at home, but wishes to take further study in preparation for his future life work. He is not, as yet, definitely committed to the ministry as that work, but wishes to register in the Seminary, take certain studies there, and at the same time take work in the University. For his own sake and for the sake of his parents, who are not only among our very best missionaries in China, but personal friends of long standing, I recommend Mr. Romig to your kindest consideration. Any arrangement that you can make which will facilitate his studies in Princeton, will be greatly appreciated, and I am sure that he would do honor to the institution.

Ever affectionately,

Webster E. Browning.

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September 7, 1937  
(dict. August 31)

The Rev. John A. Mackay, Ph. D.,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear John:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have just written to Dr. Pugh with a suggested draft of a letter to the Board of Trustees. Will you please make any additions or changes and send them on to Dr. Pugh? Perhaps it might be well if you would add a letter of your own giving what information you can with regard to the faculty arrangements.

It is good to have you back again. I am sorry to have missed you at Massanetta. I trust that you had a good time there. I had a delightful time, followed by another happy time at Montreat.

I have a very nice letter from Dr. McEwan. He asks for Dr. Blackwood's address in Ohio. Could you send this to him? Dr. McEwan's present address is Box 449, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

Ever affectionately,

RES:AMW

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence



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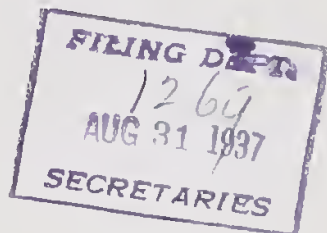
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August 24, 1937

MISS EDNA HATFIELD  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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AUG 25 1937 The Rev. Webster E. Browning, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Browning:-

Your letter of August the 23rd will be brought to  
Dr. Mackay's attention when he returns to Princeton.

Very sincerely yours,

*Edna Hatfield*

John A. Mackay

R. E. Speer

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Princeton Theological Seminary

69 Caldwell Place

Inverness.

Scotland

Aug 28, 1937.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

My dear Dr. Speer,

The Oxford Conference is over and I am spending a few days in the old home. The Conference I feel made some history, and erected a few landmarks on the road of Christian thought and unity. For those of us who have responsibility to lead sections and serve on drafting Committees they were these and busy days. I had the unusual experience of having to preside over a group that had in it three Lords of the realm, two Archbishops, several bishops, barons and ex-moderators! But they were all very prevaricant and cooperative, and I think our Report on The Universal Church and the world of nations said a few important things.

Duncan and I have just arrived

at Oxford when a cable from his  
Uncle brought the startling news of  
the sudden death of Dr. Bowdler. Dear  
Hal, we had been fellow students together,  
and, as colleagues on the Sturtevant Faculty,  
there was <sup>(with)</sup> ~~no~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~know~~ I could talk over  
delicate problems as I could with him.  
Happily, Dr. McGregor and Dr. Cotton were at  
Oxford and we had frequent meetings  
on our Sturtevant situation. Let me share  
with you our best thoughts on the subject:

1. We were unanimously of the opinion  
that there is no one more suited for  
the Chair of Christian Education than Dr.  
Hornigshausen. He is a graduate of the Sturtevant  
who set out to prepare himself for the  
work of Religious Education and discovered  
that that whole realm was all methodol-  
ogy and technique without any content.  
He accordingly turned aside to get the  
necessary content and devoted himself  
to Church History and Theology. His chief interest  
and desire, however, have been to mediate  
Christian thought to the students and lay  
man. In other words he has a passion for

bringing the great realities into close relationship with life and practical situations. Moreover, he loves to help young men in their personal problems and has a most winsome personality. I feel that with him in the Chair it would be possible to raise the level of the whole Department, because the professors who delight to think of themselves as occupying so-called Scientific Chairs that make demands on Scholarship, would be bound to respect this man who has already translated into English two volumes of Barth's Sermons and has a thorough basis in Christian thought. If we call Hornigraffen he could take over his <sup>new</sup> ~~old~~ duties in January. So, with Dr Mudge's authority, as Chairman of our Curriculum Committee I definitely approached him and he would be willing to join our Faculty. He is as you know a Seminary graduate.

2. It is clear to us that a good person

to give some courses <sup>in Christian Education</sup> during the first-  
Semester would be Dr. Armentrout. According  
to Mr. Roberts you and he have had the  
same idea. I am writing him accordingly,  
to ask him if he would be willing to  
stand by.

3. We have been fully concerned about  
the news regarding Dr. Blackwood. Mr.  
Lowe has sent me, at my request, a  
summary of the diagnosis of his case  
made by the Mayo doctors. It forwarded  
the same to Dr. Pugh. It is as follows, "Cerebral neuro-  
psychiatric questioning and past history  
led to the diagnosis of manic-depressive  
psychosis with secondary paranoid trends.  
Apparently he has been under a more de-  
pressed phase and is somewhat im-  
proved at the present time. We re-  
commended a prolonged period of rest  
and observation and that he be carefully  
watched because of suicidal trends." It  
is clear that we did right at the meeting  
in your office to frame him leave of  
absence for a year. We must now  
insist absolutely that Mrs. Blackwood



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take him away for a complete change  
of environment. He has been more unwilling  
to take any step that would make  
it appear as if he were a mental  
case. In regard to a suitable sub-  
stitute to undertake some of the courses  
in the Department of Homoeotics, we  
fortunately have the help of <sup>Mr</sup> Robert L.  
He will not be sufficient<sup>however</sup> so, with the  
approval of Dr. Mudge, I have asked  
Dr. Thos. D. Ken if he would not  
be willing to spend a day or two  
a week on the Campus during the  
first semester. I accordingly wrote  
him on the way north in order that the  
letter might catch the Normandie. It  
would be well if you dropped him  
a line also urging him to stay long.  
It would be a rare privilege for  
our students to have the opportunity  
of coming into close contact with him  
and of listening to the homoeopathic wisdom

he has garnered in the course of his rich and fruitful ministry.

4. We have invited Prof. Otto Piper an exiled German professor, at present teaching at Unionist College, Bangor, Wales, to come to Princeton as a visiting professor <sup>of Theology</sup> for one year. Professor Piper is a very eminent evangelist and theologian who has made a great impression in theological circles in the British Isles. He gave the Croll Lectures at the University of Edinburgh two years ago. The only criticism I heard of the lectures he gave both at Edinburgh and Cambridge was, from our viewpoint, altogether in his favor, namely, that he made too much of the Bible. Piper is a Bible theologian and unfortunately this cannot be said of many British theologians today. I have drawn with John White one evening at Oxford and he spoke to me in glowing terms of Piper. He has accepted our invitation, although I have made it perfectly clear that we could give no guarantee beyond the year. On the other hand

whether to spend in September 1838, our invitation to him to come over would enable him to see - residence - papers in the country, and whether we require his services at the close of the year period or not, he would find it much easier to find a further position in the U.S. than in Great-Britain, where a sentiment exists against foreign professors of any kind in the sphere of theology.

I need of the few that Dr. Horniglaun and I both agree that were he, that is, Horniglaun, to come to Princeton as a professor he ought not to give the Stone Lectures, Professor Piper will deliver the lectures this next year. He will do so as part of his regular service to the Seminary. The interesting thing is that Piper began his career as a professor in the Department of New Testament. He will, therefore, in all probability offer some elective next.

year in that department which will be  
agreed - matter in view of the state of  
Dr. Comstock's health. I ought to  
have said that Dr. Pipes has a  
splendid command of English.

All going well, Duncan and I sail  
for Glasgow on the California on August 13,  
arriving in New York on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Before  
then I hope to attend the Faith and  
Order Conference for a few days.

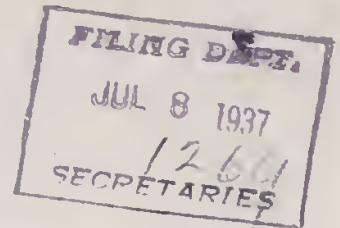
I have asked Mr. Loom to get  
typed out on Steinway paper a  
letter to the American Consul at  
London asking him to grant entrance  
papers as a residence to Professor Pipes,  
in view of our invitation. Would  
you kindly sign the letter as Chairman  
of the Board in order that the  
matter may go forward.

Though it is wonderful to be  
in the dear old place I long the  
back at my tasks.

With most affectionate regards

Yours ever

John A. MacKay



July 6, 1937  
(dict. July 2)

Mr. Spencer S. Marsh,  
744 Broad Street,  
Newark, New Jersey.

*Brimston Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Mr. Marsh:

Your note of June 29. was duly received, and I signed  
and returned at once the deed. and the two mortgages.

We missed you very much at the meeting of the  
Administrative Committee yesterday where we conferred with Dr.  
Henry S. Brown of Chicago with regard to his undertaking the  
duties in connection with the financial campaign of the Seminary  
which were outlined by the Trustees at their last meeting.

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW



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September 1, 1937  
(dict. August 31)

The Rev. William L. McEwan, D. D.,  
Box 449,  
Meadville, Pennsylvania.

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear William:

It was a pleasure to get your letter of August 27 which was awaiting when I got back this morning from a series of addresses at two of the summer conferences of the Southern Presbyterian Church, one in Virginia and the other in North Carolina. It is always a pleasure to attend these conferences and to feel the warmth of sympathy and good-will of our Southern friends. They are facing just now a troublesome matter in connection with the First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury which has extended a unanimous call to Mr. Woodbridge, Secretary of the Independent Board of Foreign Missions, who was one of the ministers deposed by our Church. At their latest General Assembly they declined to recognize the Independent Presbyterian Church, but that does not seem to have deterred the Southern Church from going forward with its call. It remains to be seen what the Presbytery will do.

It is a great joy to have Dr. Mackay back to take up the important and difficult problems in the Seminary. I am glad to report to you, however, that Henry Brown of Chicago has accepted the invitation to come, and I am sending a note to Dr. Pugh to have duplicated and sent to all the members of the Board.

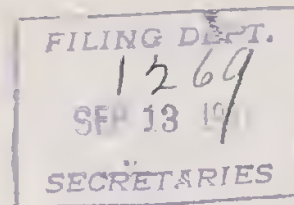
It is good of you to speak as you do about my service to the Board, but I wish that you were still President. I would be willing to black your boots or do any other chore that might be necessary and helpful.

I have not heard from Mrs. Blackwood as to whether Dr. Blackwood has been willing to go to Ohio as she wished him to do. I do not know what his address there would be. Dr. Mackay would know, however, and I am asking him to let you know.

Ever affectionately,

RES:AMW

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence



September 3, 1937  
(dict. August 31)

The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D.,  
Witherspoon Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Dr. Pugh:

I have just got back today from attending the Southern Presbyterian Conference and find Henry Brown's letter of August 25 which Mrs. Bidwell read to you over the telephone. I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I think we might well send out now to all members of the Board of Trustees. Will you be good enough to attend to this?

I am sending a draft of the letter to Dr. Mackay asking him to make any changes in it that he may desire and send them on to you.

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PRINCETON  
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Dear Friends:

You will remember that at the latest meeting of the Board the matter of finding a man to work with Dr. Mackay in the development of the larger plans of the Seminary was referred with power to the Administrative Committee. The Committee met during the sessions of the General Assembly and unanimously agreed to extend a call to the Rev. Henry S. Brown, D. D., an alumnus of the Seminary who has been for some years the most efficient leader in the maintenance and expansion of the Church in the Presbytery of Chicago and who was Chairman of the Special Commission appointed by the General Assembly to seek a happy adjustment of affairs in the Presbytery of Philadelphia and Chester. The matter was taken up at once with Dr. Brown by Dr. Mackay, and the Administrative Committee had a meeting in New York City with Dr. Brown early in August. After a full discussion it was voted to call Dr. Brown as Vice-President of the Seminary at a salary of , with a house provided.

We have just now heard from Dr. Brown of his acceptance in the following note:

"I'll come and do my best for Princeton and may God in His great goodness give Dr. Mackay all the success Princeton deserves and the Church in this critical hour needs.

"I cannot possibly leave Chicago before November first as there are certain things that must be done here before I can in conscience leave. Detailed arrangements I can work out here with Dr. Mackay at Camp Gray Convocation September 7-10."

The Administrative Committee feels very grateful to God for Dr. Brown's acceptance of the call and will report more fully to the Board at its meeting this fall.

Very faithfully yours,

REG:AMW



*William Barrow Pugh*

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Ans. EXECUTIVE HEAD  
REV. LEWIS S. MUDGE, D.D., LL.D.  
STATED CLERK

August 12, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

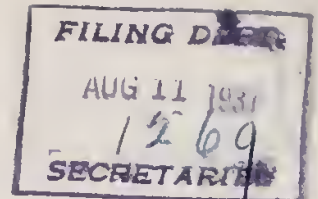
I have had mimeographed today and sent to the members of the Administrative Committee, your letter, together with the letter of President Mackay. I have taken the liberty of sending a copy also to Henry Seymour Brown, hoping that the fine letter of President Mackay as to future developments in the teaching of the seminary will be of some help to him in the decision which he will have to make within the next few weeks.

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I am sending herewith a copy of a letter received by me from Dr. Lingle in answer to the one I originally sent to him. You stated in your letter that you would be glad to see a reply from him, if one was received at this office.) Enclosed also please find the original letter from President Mackay.

Most cordially yours,

*W. B. Pugh*  
William Barrow Pugh.

WBP/H



August 10, 1937  
(dict. Aug. 9)

The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D.,  
514 Witherspoon Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Pugh:

Your good letters of August 3 and August 4 (2) have been received.

236 ( With regard to the matter of Dr. Lingle's letter, I think that you have covered the ground adequately in your strong statement to him, and I think that it would be better perhaps for me not to write to him but to have him wait for Dr. Mudge's return. Your letter makes perfectly clear that if the Presbytery confirms the call to Salisbury it will be recognizing the Independent Church, which the recent Southern General Assembly refused to do. It will also be accepting as a minister in good and regular standing a man deposed from the ministry of our Church. If you get a reply to your letter to Dr. Lingle I should be glad to see it, and if I can help then by any letter to him I shall be glad to write. If the Southern Church accepts Woodbridge I think that they will be in for the same kind of trouble that he has made elsewhere. )

I have a long letter from Dr. Mackay which I think it would be well perhaps for us to duplicate and send to all the members of the Administrative Committee. I enclose it herewith. Will you send it out to the Committee and let me have back the original?

I enclose also a copy of a note to the Administrative Committee which I should be glad if you would send with a copy of Dr. Mackay's letter.

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW  
Encs.



*William Barrow Pugh*

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August 4, 1937

*Q10*

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

*Re Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Dr. Speer:

I am very sorry that the letter of Henry Seymour Brown did not contain the positive answer for which we had hoped. The delay, however, indicates that he is giving the most earnest and serious consideration to the whole matter. I am having copies of his letter sent to all members of the Administrative Committee in order that they may be fully informed as to what developments are taking place.

May I express my appreciation of your sharing with me the correspondence with Mrs. Blackwood and Mr. Loos, which I am herewith returning. The whole situation is most distressing, particularly if the doctors are correct in their diagnosis that Dr. Blackwood is in a most serious condition. I do hope that the suggestion in that portion of Dr. Mudge's letter to me, a copy of which I sent to you yesterday, with reference to Dr. Kerr being asked to teach Homiletics in the Seminary during the present academic year, will be realized. The Seminary could have no better exponent of the homiletic art. In addition, his presence merely as a special lecturer upon the subject would certainly help to convince Dr. Blackwood that no one in the Seminary wants to regard his present incapacity to teach as other than temporary.

With very kind regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

*William Barrow Pugh*  
William Barrow Pugh

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Ans. 4/10

EXECUTIVE HEAD

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August 3, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Doctor Speer:

I have just received a long letter from Doctor Mudge which contains in it several references to the work of the Curriculum Committee of our Board of Trustees. In view of the fact that this information may not as yet have reached you, I am taking the liberty of forwarding to you the following extracts from his letter:

"Doctor Mackay, Doctor Cotton and I had many conferences at Oxford about the faculty situation at Princeton. As to Professor Donnelley's work, the present suggestion is that Doctor Armentrout be asked to give instruction during the first semester and that Doctor Homrighausen be invited to the Chair beginning with the second semester. I understand Doctor Homrighausen is agreeable.

As to Homiletics, Doctor Mackay is to write to see if Dr. Hugh T. Kerr will not spend two days a week in Princeton the first semester.

As to Theology, Doctor Mackay is favorable to inviting Doctor Piper to lecture for the year and to endeavoring to secure Doctor Brunner for the professorship. Doctor Mackay, Doctor Cotton and I had dinner with Doctor Brunner, and he appeared very interested in our tentative approaches. If he came at all, it could not be until September, 1938."

I am sure that you will agree with me that progress is being made toward the difficult situations which have been created at Princeton because of death and tragedy. I am writing Doctor Brown again urging him to let us know, if possible, his decision upon the Vice Presidency. It would seem to me that he should realize that we must have a definite answer by now in order to expedite the work necessary to set up his department in Princeton.

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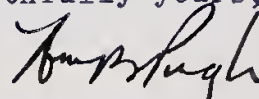
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Dr. Robert E. Speer -2.

I replied to your telegram today with reference to Doctor Blackwood. As I stated, the action of the Administrative Committee was to the effect that Doctor Blackwood's salary should be paid to him during the coming year, regardless of his condition. You will recall that the men, in discussing this matter, felt that action to this point would be approved by the Board and might incidently relieve Doctor Blackwood's mind in his present unfortunate condition.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,



William Barrow Pugh

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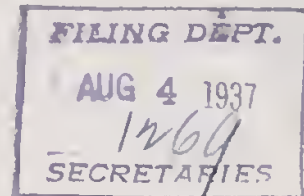
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AGREED TO TAKE CARE OF DOCTOR  
BLACKWOODS SALARY FOR THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR=

WILLIAM BARROW PUGH.

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NEW YORK CITY  
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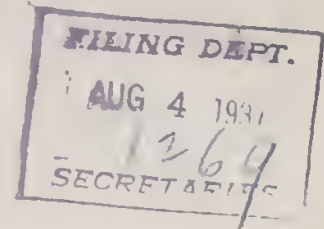
DID NOT OUR ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZE BLACKWOOD

SALARY FOR ENTIRE COMING YEAR PLEASE WIRE

ROBERT E SPEER

RES: AMW





August 2, 1937

The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D.,  
Providence Road,  
Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Pugh:

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Would it not be well if you would report this to the other members of the Administrative Committee?

Dr. Johnson and Mr. Roberts were over a few days ago to talk about the situation at Princeton in view of Dr. Donnelly's death and Dr. Blackwood's health.

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The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D. - 2.

August 2, 1957

my replies. Will you please return all of these with any comment?

Very cordially yours,

RFS:AMV

Encs.

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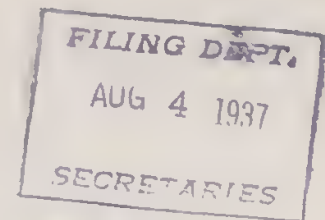
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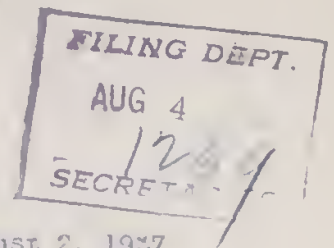
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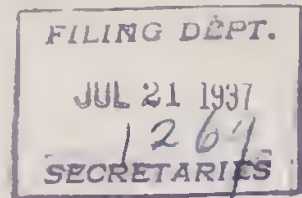
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July 20, 1937  
(dict. July 14)

The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D.,  
Providence Road,  
Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

*Wm. B. Pugh, D.D.*  
*Wallingford, Pa.*

Dear Dr. Pugh:

Since writing this your letter of the 13th has been received. I am sorry to hear of the very discouraging report of the Mayo Clinic with regard to Dr. Blackwood. I think that it would be well if you would send this on to Dr. Mackay when you write to him.

I have heard nothing from Henry Brown. He certainly will reply, I think, either to you or to me, and if we do not hear within a few days I think that it would be well if you would drop him a note. As soon as I get any word from him I will of course send it on to you and other members of the Committee.

With kind regard -

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW

*Rev. Wm. B. Pugh, S.S.*

# The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

## OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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GENERAL OFFICE  
514 WITHERSPOON BUILDING  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

**R. E. Speer**

July 16, 1937

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Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I am leaving for a tour of duty with my regiment and will be absent from this office until August 1st. I have made arrangements, however, to have my mail forwarded to Camp and will be in a position to cooperate with you in copying and sending out the suggested letter to the members of the Board of Trustees if Henry Seymour Brown notifies you of his acceptance during this period.

In addition to the good news which I sent you the other day with reference to the decision in the Delaware courts, there has been received this week a statement from one of our church officers in South Dakota to the effect that the situation there is rapidly improving. There is now only one church which still maintains an antagonistic attitude. According to my information, however, even this church is "gradually being brought around" to a realization that it should be loyal to our denomination.

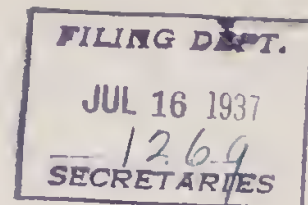
Very cordially yours,

*Wm. B. Pugh*  
William Barrow Pugh.

WBP/H

*P.S. You will be very sorry to hear that Mr. J. Willison Smith is in the hospital seriously ill. Nothing is being revealed as to the nature of his illness which makes one very suspicious as to whether or not he has had a stroke.*





July 15, 1937  
(Dict. July 15)

The Rev. William D. Pugh, D. D.,  
514 Witherspoon Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Dr. Pugh:

I am very much obliged for your letter of July 8.

I think that it will be very much better to wait until we hear from Henry Brown. If he declines we do not need to say anything to the Trustees. If he accepts I think that it would be well for us to write a letter of information to the Board.

I was glad to hear of the decision of the Delaware Court of Chancery and trust that the West Jersey cases may soon be tried.

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW

Dictated by Mr. Speer  
Signed in his absence

*Rev. Lewis S. Mudge, D.D.*

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

*Princeton Theological Seminary*

Yesterday I sent to all the members of our Board of Trustees a notice concerning the sudden death of Harold Donnelly. While I know that very few of the members can attend the funeral service at Princeton tomorrow afternoon, yet I feel that such a notice should be sent out.

I am uncertain as to whether or not you are being informed by any one from the Seminary concerning Dr. Blackwood's condition. I have just received from Mr. Loos a summary of the Mayo Clinic's diagnosis of his case which is most unfavorable. It reads as follows:

"Careful neuropsychiatric questioning and past history led to the diagnosis of Manic-depressive psychosis with secondary paranoid trends. Apparently he has been under a more depressed phase and is somewhat improved at the present time. We recommended a prolonged period of rest and observation and that he be carefully watched because of suicidal trends."

This certainly looks as if Dr. Blackwood's incapacity for teaching will be permanent.

I am not sure whether Henry Seymour Brown stated in our interview in New York that he would correspond with you directly or not concerning his acceptance of the office tendered him by the Administrative Committee. If he did not, do you think it wise for either you or I to send him a letter within the next few days? Mr. Roberts and the office at Princeton are very anxious to receive some definite word as soon as possible. Evidently they desire to have ample time to set up such office arrangements in Princeton as may be deemed necessary.

With kind regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

*[Signature]*  
William Barrow Fugh.

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# The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

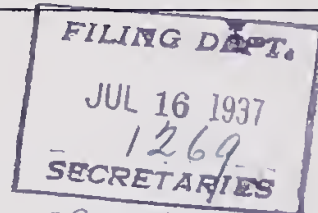
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514 WITHERSPOON BUILDING  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

July 8, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.



My dear Dr. Speer:

*Princeton Theological Seminary*

It seems to me that your suggestion is a very wise one. While I do not think there will be any objection on the part of the members of the Board of Trustees to the proposal of the Administrative Committee, inasmuch as they granted the Committee the power, nevertheless, I think it would be most tactful to inform them as to the exact nature of what is being projected. I am wondering, however, whether this should be done before there is some definite assurance from Dr. Brown that he will come to Princeton? There is a serious question as to whether anything may be gained by sending out details concerning that which is merely tentative and dependent upon future decisions.

Dr. Brown had a long interview with Dr. Gross here in Philadelphia after his meeting with the Administrative Committee in New York. The latter is most enthusiastic about the prospect of securing Dr. Brown. He is of the opinion, however, that in the initial attempt to secure the money necessary for a Student Center building, expenditures must inevitably be somewhat greater than that which is contemplated as the annual expenditure through the years. I think that this will be very evident to all.

If you decide to send a letter out immediately to the members of the Board, I shall be very glad to cooperate by having the copies typed and the envelopes addressed here. I shall be at the Office of the General Assembly taking care of details in Dr. Mudge's absence all Summer, with the exception of the period from July 17th to 30th, when I shall be in camp with my regiment. I shall, therefore, be in a position to help in every way that I possibly can.

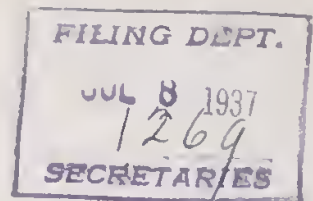
You will be interested to know that we received yesterday from the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware a decision in our favor which firmly establishes the principle of property rights which we maintain as a denomination. I am enclosing a copy herewith. It will have a most salutary effect not only in New Castle Presbytery, where the Machenites are trying to hold four other church properties, but also in those other localities where litigation is pending.

Most cordially yours,

*W. B. Pugh*  
William Barrow Pugh.

WBP/H

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July 6, 1937  
(dict. July 2)

The Rev. William B. Pugh, D. D.,  
Providence Road,  
Wellingford, Pennsylvania.

*Princeton Theological  
Seminary*

My dear Dr. Pugh:

I wonder whether it might not be wise for me to send a letter to all the members of the Board of Trustees reporting our conference yesterday and the proposition that we had made to Dr. Brown. I imagine that it will be a little shock to some of the Trustees to hear the details of our proposal, and it might be well to give them this preparatory word and to make sure that they do not take exception to the extent to which we were acting under the authority given us by the Board at its last meeting. What is your judgment?

Very cordially yours,

RES:AMW



*Edward H. Roberts*

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
PRINCETON, N. J.

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REGISTRAR AND SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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CHARLES T. LEBER

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Ans'd .....

The Rev. Charles T. Leber, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Charlie:-

Thank you for sending us a copy of the address which  
you gave at the Princeton Alumni Conference. I want to say again how  
much I enjoyed it when I heard it, and now it makes good reading.

I do not get to New York very often, but the next time  
I am there I shall give you a ring and see if we cannot have lunch  
together.

Best wishes to you in your work,

Sincerely yours,

*Edward*



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October 30, 1957

Dr. Edward H. Roberts,  
Princeton Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Edward:

I am enclosing a copy of the address I gave at the Princeton's  
Alumnae Conference. I hope it will be satisfactory for  
your use.

I am sorry that we are so near each other and yet see so  
little of each other. Whenever you are in New York City  
do drop in to see me. I hope we can have luncheon together  
sometime.

Very best in everything,

Sincerely,

Charles T. Leber.

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THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
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October 14, 1937

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Ans'd ..... The Rev. Charles T. Leber, D.D.,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Charlie:-

Enclosed you will find a stenographic report of the address which you gave at the Seminary at the time of the Alumni Conference. The Bulletin Committee has decided to print in the forthcoming Bulletin your address together with Dr. Stevenson's and Dr. Mackay's. We should appreciate it very much if you would make the necessary corrections and return the manuscript at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes to you,

Sincerely yours,

*Edward*

*E H Roberts*  
THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
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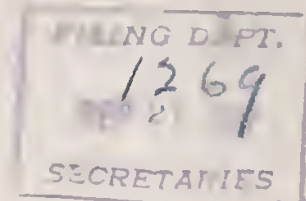
This is to acknowledge the letter which you sent introducing Mr. Bollman. We were very glad that it was possible for us to give him an apartment in Payne Hall as one of the missionaries to whom we had assigned an apartment did not appear. Mr. Bollman has 22-11 already signed up for a course which he thinks will be very satisfactory.

I want to thank you for the excellent address which you gave us last Friday morning at the Conference. It moved me very much. I am delighted that the Board has been fortunate enough to secure your services in its great work. In the rush of business at the office I did not get an opportunity to tell you how much I enjoyed your address.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*E. H. Roberts*



September 20, 1937

Dr. Edward Robert,  
Princeton Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Edward:

I am happy to introduce to you the Rev. Benjamin E. Bollman<sup>22-1</sup> of the Presbyterian Mission in the Philippine Islands. Mr. Bollman is in charge of a Student Center and Student Church at the Agricultural College of the University of the Philippines, located at Los Banos, Laguna, Philippine Islands.

Mr. Bollman has just returned for a year's furlough, and is very anxious to study in the field of education, particularly relative to the development of Christian work with students. We would greatly appreciate your advising with him.

Very best of wishes and kindest of regards,

Sincerely yours,

Charles T. Leber.

CTL:MR

*E. H. Roberts*

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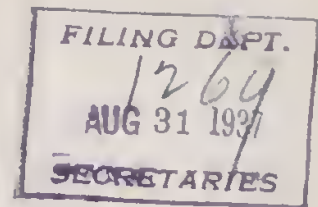
Dear Dr. Browning:

Under separate cover I am mailing to you three copies of our catalogue for your files. This publication comes out in January of each year. About the first of September we publish a Bulletin of Courses indicating what will be offered for that year. Because of depletions in our Faculty we have not been able to get this Bulletin out as early as usual. It will be coming from the press next week, and I shall be glad to mail you several copies, together with a Bulletin of Courses for the year 1937-38.

Very sincerely yours,

*E. H. Roberts*





August 19, 1937

Rev. Edward H. Roberts,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, N.J.

My dear Mr. Roberts:

I am in receipt of your note in which you ask me to send you the address in South America of your recent graduate, Mr. Doyle William Brewington. In reply, I will say that Mr. Brewington is still in the United States, and that so far as I know, he has no intention of going to South America. He has been appointed to our mission in Guatemala, Central America, and expects to sail for his field at the end of this present month. His address there will be Apartado 333, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Central America.

Very cordially,

Webster E. Browning

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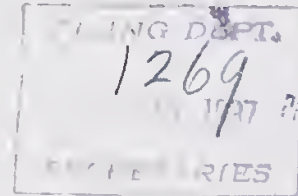
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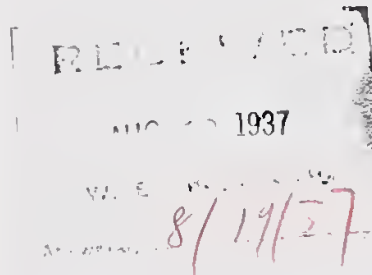


Dear Sirs:-

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mailing list.

Very sincerely yours,

*Edward Howell Roberts*



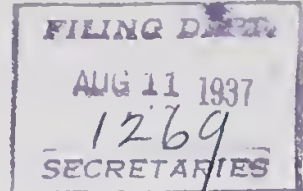
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THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
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Ans. REV. EDWARD HOWELL ROBERTS  
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August 4th, 1937

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
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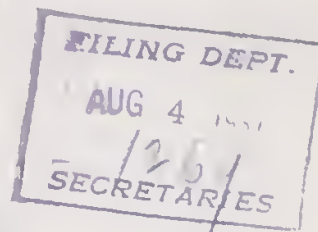
My dear Dr. Speer:

It was very kind of you to send me a copy of the letter which you wrote Dr. Blackwood. It is a very fine letter indeed, and I feel sure that Dr. Blackwood will take this news from you without any ill effects.

I enjoyed the paragraph on the 93-year-old-man. It was a wonderful experience for you to have as you lay down one set of duties to take up others.

Very sincerely yours,

*E. H. Roberts*



August 2, 1937

Mr. E. H. Roberts,  
The Theological Seminary,  
Princeton, New Jersey.

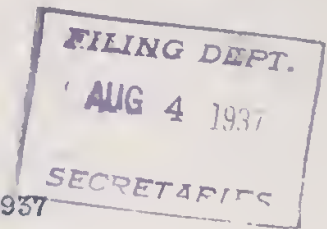
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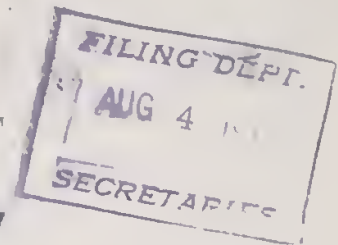
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